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Plan to build 'supermax' jail in Britain

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

A NEW super-secure jail to *hold all of Britain's most dangerous prisoners* is being planned by the Government in the wake of escapes from Parkhurst and Whitemoor.

Up to 300 of the most dangerous and violent prisoners *would be held in the jail, modelled on American "supermax" prisons,* in a reversal of a 30-year-old policy of moving high-security inmates around between six institutions.

Derek Lewis, who has just had *his contract as Director-General of the Prison Service* extended, is spending this week touring American jails and boot camps with Michael Forsyth, the Prisons Minister, to see if any ideas can be adapted for Britain.

Mr *Lewis was widely* expected to be replaced when his three-year contract expires at the end of this year, but Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will announce next month that he is to continue in *his £125,000-a-year post until* January 1998.

The decision to extend Mr *Lewis's contract — which* includes an additional performance-related element of up to 35 per cent of his annual salary — means that he will be a key figure in developing plans for *either* one or two "supermax" jails in *England* and Wales.

Yesterday, he and Mr Forsyth visited Florence penitentiary in Colorado, where prisoners are kept in their cells for 23 hours a day, and tomorrow *they will* visit Oak Park Heights in Minnesota, which has not had a serious escape attempt since it opened in 1982. Mr Lewis described Florence as "the state of the art in terms of security and control", *and something that Britain had to consider.*

At the moment, Britain's most dangerous prisoners are moved regularly between six dispersal jails — Belmarsh, Parkhurst, Whitemoor, Full Sutton, *Long Lartin and Frankland.* In 1966, Lord Mountbatten of Burma recommended that one maximum security prison should be built on the Isle of Wight to hold 120 high-risk prisoners, *but the idea was rejected through fears of disorder.*

Eighteen years later, the Home Office Control Review Committee criticised the "creaky mechanism" of the dispersal system and *suggested that it would be better to house up to 400 inmates in one or two top-security jails.*

Advances in technology have since shifted the argument further in favour of a single institution. Ministers now believe that a change of policy could save money in the long run *by* ending costly transfers, *and Mr Forsyth is backing plans for a top-security prison.*

Mr Lewis said: "Obviously it would be expensive, but we would be able to focus all our efforts on one or two institutions *rather than six. We want to consider what is needed for* the British penal environment, which is different from that in the United States."

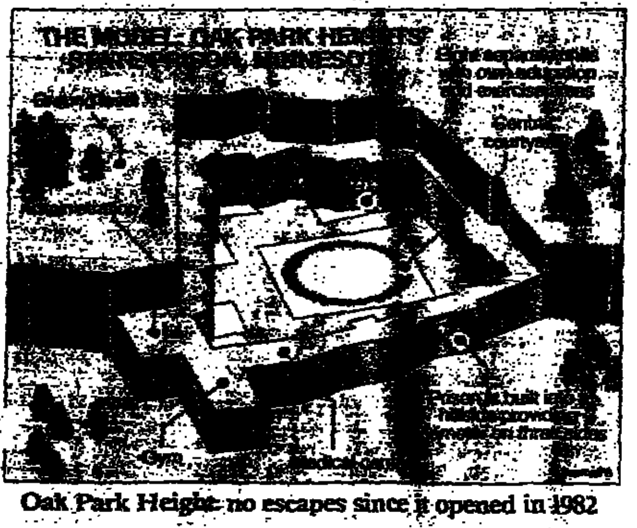
Florence, which opened last year, is America's most secure *prison and cost £40 million to* build. *Prisoners are constantly* watched by 168 video cameras, and the most dangerous inmates are kept in their cells for 23 hours a day. When they go out they wear leg irons and handcuffs.

The *prison is divided into* nine units, each with its own sick bay, library and barber's shop. Every cell has a shower, lavatory and black and white television. All the furniture is made of concrete with rounded *edges and is unmoveable,* and the sinks have timed taps to prevent prisoners flooding their cells. Food arrives through the door on heated trays from airline-style carts.

Education courses and religious services are transmitted by closed circuit television, to avoid prisoners gathering in numbers, but inmates have *contact with guards and chaplains,* and access to a gym if they behave.

Oak Park Height, which Mr Lewis and Mr Forsyth will visit tomorrow, has a similar *design. The prison is sunk into a hill, which provides a natural perimeter for the 60-acre site.* Each unit is broken down into colour-coded groups of six or seven cells and inmates mix only with colleagues in the same group. *Prisoners have their own televisions, radios,* typewriters in a 70 sq ft cell and can exercise for three hours a day.

Mr Lewis and Mr Forsyth are also visiting boot camps, *but Mr Lewis indicated that* the pilot camp planned near Warrington would not adopt the most militaristic elements operating in America. He acknowleged that there was *controversy over the camps there,* and said. "*There is* certainly some evidence that the present system does not produce long-term results." The British camp would concentrate on discipline, intensive *training* and education.



Oak Park Height: no escapes since it opened in 1982

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Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire performing to Irving Berlin's "Let's Face the Music and Dance" in *Follow the Fleet*

Dance star Ginger Rogers dies at 83

From Giles Whittell in los angeles

GINGER ROGERS, whose dancing with Fred Astaire dazzled generations of filmgoers, died yesterday at home in California. *She was 83.*

Miss Rogers rose to stardom as a result of her legendary pairing with Astaire, which produced at least one film a year from 1933 to 1939. She was also a sought-after *and enormously glamorous* actress in her own right, appearing in a total of 73 films and winning the 1940 Oscar for Best Actress for her leading role in *Kitty Foyle.*

Married and divorced five times, Miss Rogers died single and without children at the desert spa of Rancho Mirage, east of Palm Springs. She found solace in her devout faith in Christian Scientology, a *faith that* gave rise to some of the more eccentric pronouncements in her 1991 autobiography, in which she credited Scientologists with curing several of her own and her husbands' ailments.

Miss Rogers's incomparable dancing performances included those opposite Fred Astaire in *Flying Down To Rio* (her first), *Follow the Fleet, Swing Time, Shall We Dance* and *Carefree.*

Born in 1911 in Independence, Illinois, Miss Rogers enjoyed a career in show business that spanned 65 years on the sound stages of *Hollywood in its Golden Age, New York's vaudeville music* halls and Broadway theatres, and even the West End. In the 1940s she was among the highest paid actresses in America, most frequently as *an archetypal flaxen-haired* heroine, as in such films as *Roxie Hart* and *Lady in the Dark.* She hankered after more serious roles.

"I felt I had the ability, talent and the willingness to play those roles," she said in *one of her last interviews* in 1991. "I said, 'Give me something that has some meat to it' — so they finally gave that to me in *Kitty Foyle.*"

For all her aspirations, she *will be remembered for the* unique grace and rhythm she and Fred Astaire brought to the musical numbers, which were always meticulously rehearsed for six weeks before *shooting began. The pair always managed* to appear effortless.

In later life Ginger Rogers emerged periodically to mingle with Hollywood's glitterati, though one of her most *public acts was to sue* Federico Fellini, the director, for portraying her and Astaire as lovers in his film *Ginger and Fred.*

Instead, she called their cinematic match "just a wonderful *happening. It wasn't planned.* I thought *it turned* out to be magic."

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Envoys to face the business test for a pay rise

By Arthur Leathley

BRITAIN'S leading ambassadors will have to convince a private sector-style committee dominated by senior industrialists that they are worth a 50 per cent pay increase and up to £150,000 a year.

Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, yesterday announced details of the performance-related pay plan that will allow the 11 senior ambassadors to escape the present narrow band *that limits them to a salary of £95,000.*

Mr Hurd believes that by making senior diplomats answerable to a salaries committee they will be able to refute accusations that they live a *luxurious lifestyle* at the *taxpayer's expense. The changes* mean that for the first time ambassadors posted to prime diplomatic locations such as Washington, Paris, Rome, Bonn and Brussels will have to disclose their salaries *in the annual Foreign Office report.*

Sir Denys Henderson, the retiring chairman of ICI, will head the diplomats' remuneration committee. He will be joined by Allan Gormly, chairman of Royal Insurance, and Sir Michael Perry, *chairman* of Unilever, who began work this month as chairman of the Senior Salaries Review Body and the committee setting the pay of permanent secretaries. Rob Young, *the chief* clerk of *the diplomatic service,* and Sir John Coles, head of the service, will also be on the committee, which will make recommendations to Mr Hurd by the early summer.

The reforms, which do not apply to dozens of more junior ambassadors and High Commissioners, bring the top tier of the diplomatic service into line with civil servants heading Whitehall departments, who have also been given a *higher potential top rate of pay* to be set by the newly-formed permanent secretaries pay committee.

'Euro-pong' blows up British noses

By Alan Hamilton

LESS than two weeks before the nation celebrates 50 years of peace in Europe, the skies of *Britain have been subjected* to what smells like a poison gas attack from the Continent. From East Anglia to the West Midlands, through Kent and London, householders have *spent two days complaining to* their local police and British Gas of an evil stench.

On Monday night the eastern region of British Gas was *swamped with 2,000 anxious* callers. But there were no leaks. Instead, the problem was a low-pressure area over central Europe carrying European smells to the British Isles.

Weathermen could not agree on whether the foul smells were the result of *factory pollution in Germany,* or Poland, or whether they had their origin in a peat bog in Denmark. The spreading of pig slurry on farms in the Copenhagen area was also *suspected.*

A German Embassy spokesman in London commented: "We have very tight pollution laws in Germany, so I cannot understand these smells.

"Fresh" air *will return today, when winds veer northerly.*

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Beach fight to rescue killer whale

By Nick Nuttall
environment correspondent

FIREMEN AND RSPCA experts were trying last *night* to save a killer whale beached in Kent in an event described by scientists as extremely rare.

Passers-by at Pegwell Bay, *near Ramsgate,* were *astonished* to see the 12ft female just 200 yards off the beach. Would-be rescuers dug a reservoir around the *mammal and spent the afternoon pouring* water over her to keep her cool and wet. Divers planned to refloat the whale at high tide last night.

Killer whales *are seen* off Cornwall, Scotland and the Irish coast, but Dr Paul Jepson, co-ordinator for the Department of the Environment's *marine mammal programme,* said live strandings in southern England were "very, very rare".

The reason for the stranding remains a mystery.

One *theory* is *that* the whale's *sonar was fuzzed by the noise of engines* in the Channel.

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Blair accuses Major of surrender to Euro-rebels

By Philip Webster, political editor

TONY BLAIR yesterday taunted the Prime Minister *with hoisting the white flag of surrender* over Downing Street as the Euro-rebels made a defiant return to the Conservative fold and hinted at the prospect of future rebellion on Europe.

Mr Blair delivered a withering attack on the Prime Minister's leadership, accusing him of following rather than leading his party, *after seven of the nine* "whipless" MPs walked back from the wilderness refusing to show any sign of repentance for their actions *that have split the Conservative Party.*

Their refusal to give any guarantees about their future behaviour and their staging of *what amounted to a victory* parade at a press conference and series of media appearances provided Mr Blair with ammunition for an assault on the Prime Minister that had Labour MPs cheering wildly *in the Commons.*

It also *infuriated pro-European* and loyalist MPs and ministers. Ray Whitney, a former minister, declared that the rebels were "having a ball, they are on an ego trip".

It emerged yesterday *that* Jonathan Aitken, one of the leading Euro-sceptics in the Cabinet, had played an important role in brokering the return of the rebels. He has held *several conversations in* recent weeks with Richard Shepherd, Sir Teddy Taylor and Nicholas Budgen, urging them to make their peace with *the party.*

The clash between Mr Blair and Mr Major was one of their most bitter. Mr Blair told Mr Major he had failed to secure even a minimal guarantee of loyalty. Mr Major *pointed to Labour divisions on* Europe.

The Labour leader, clearly anticipating that response, delivered a put-down that even *Tory MPs admitted later had wounded. He declared:* "There is one very big difference: I lead my party, he follows his."

After the uproarious ap*plause had subsided Mr Blair added:* "After all his tough talk in the beginning about no unity through appeasement, he has caved in, his party is *still divided and the white flag flies over Downing Street.*"

Mr Major, initially taken aback, swiftly recovered: "I will give you a real difference. We have been leading in Europe. He *will follow in Europe on every issue.* He will follow Europe in undermining our veto, in renegotiating our rebate, in surrendering our opt out, in signing up to the Social Chapter, in higher tax-

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Our Westminster Parliament is in dire danger of being ... supplanted by a European assembly controlled by a hotchpotch of European politicians and bureaucrats, who have no love for this country

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Everyone wins when the punch-up is unscripted

Prescott: a neutered tom

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

THE Prime Minister and the *Opposition* Leader each received a huge cheer from his own side as they entered the *chamber yesterday. Both* strode confidently to the dispatch box. Both were in smashing form. Nobody won. Everybody was entertained. And the nation learnt something.

It was, for once, a gripping *exchange. In recent months* PM's Questions has been getting duller. With John Prescott, his neutered tom, beside him, Tony Blair has *been lobbing* freeze-dried, low-fat, vacuum-packed, reduced-calorie, monosodium glutimate-enhanced sound bites across the table, while *John Major straight-bats* them gracelessly back, obvi*ously playing for a draw* after tea, light fading behind the pavilion.

In Mrs Thatcher's day, PM's Questions was the show of the week. Maybe it assumed a rather silly prominence, but at least it was watchable. The chamber was always full. The relegation of the occasion to the status of *sideshow* is probably healthy, but bad news for sketchwriters. There have been growing patches of unoccupied green leather on both *sides of the chamber.*

But anyone playing hookey yesterday missed a treat. While Mr Blair studied his notes and fingernails, Mr *Major warmed up on* Ken Livingstone (Lab, Brent E) who wanted him to write to Bernard Manning and stop *him saying "nigger" in enter*tainments for policemen; and on Sir James Spicer (C, Dorset W) who wanted him to condemn hoh-moh-sex-ewells in the Armed Forces. The PM declined to get excited about either horror. He was saving *his energy for the big spat.*

Blair entered this gently, with a dig at what he called the "victory parade" of rebels returning to the Tory whip. What assurances of good behaviour had they given their leader? Backbenchers squeaked and growled. "*Calm down! All of you!*" Miss Boothroyd barked.

The Prime Minister began equally gently, touched by Mr Blair's concern, then whipped out a list of rebellions Blair had himself faced from his own side, rapping *out the numbers. He had* been ready for this. But so had Blair. In one of his best comebacks this year, he brandished a fine, if prefabricated, *sound bite.* "*I lead my party.* He follows his!" A roar of *triumph from Labour* was followed by an ironic howl from the Tories, pointing at Blair's *own* Euro-*rebels on* the bench below the gangway.

So far, Blair was winning on points. So far, both men were *reading* from *scripts.* Now came an impressive unscripted save from the PM. In a fluent and apparently impromptu rant, Major came back hard with a comparison between what he said was British leadership, and Lab*our servility, over the EU.* Tories squealed with pleasure: was this a special homecoming treat for the rebels?

People often say PM's *Questions would be more use* if both men sought consensus and *tried to be constructive.* Maybe. But yesterday — confrontational and unashamedly *negative* — achieved at least this: anyone watching both leaders heard the first claim that the other led a divided party — and saw the *rueful faces of supporters* behind, registering the truth of this.

Then we heard the second leader claim that the first also led a divided party — and saw the rueful faces behind *him.* We guessed that both leaders led divided parties, and knew it. We learnt something. Twenty minutes later we saw both men being wonderfully constructive over plans for *VE-Day. We learnt nothing.*

Junior doctor wins compensation for 112-hour week

By Emma Wilkins and Jeremy Laurance

A JUNIOR doctor who con*templated suicide because of* depression caused by overwork is to receive compensation from a health authority.

The British Medical Association hailed the out-of-court settlement and said it could *lead to similar actions* by medical staff seeking redress over working conditions.

Dr Chris Johnstone, who began his action six years ago, *accepted just over £5,000 from* Camden and Islington Health *Authority,* which also agreed to pay costs estimated at £150,000. The case had been *due to be heard at the High* Court next week.

Dr Johnstone, 32, from Bristol, alleged that the health authority, which denied liability, had required him to work intolerable hours with so little *sleep that he suffered from* stress and clinical depression.

"This is a tremendous victory not just for junior doctors but for all who are pushed *beyond their limits in unsafe* working conditions," he said after the settlement yesterday.

The health authority said it had offered the settlement purely on financial grounds, to avoid a costly two-week trial. "It was open to Dr Johnstone to ignore this payment and continue with his action if he felt he had a strong enough case against the authority. He chose instead to accept the money and abandon his claim for ... nearly £70,000."

Dr Johnstone worked up to *112 hours* a week as a *senior* house officer in obstetrics and gynaecology at University College Hospital, London. He said yesterday: "There were times when I was literally dead on my feet: my speech *was slurred. I* became depressed and considered life wasn't really worth living.

"I felt tortured by lack of sleep ... and at times even *suicidal.* I felt pushed beyond what could reasonably be *expected of any human being.* I regard myself as caring and conscientious, but at times I felt resentful to the patients for coming onto the wards and *just being there.*"

After his request for extra staff on the ward was turned down, Dr Johnstone started legal action against the then Bloomsbury Health Authority. His decision was precipi*tated by a fear that he could* endanger life because of his exhaustion.

Dr Johnstone's writ was served in March 1989, but his *conditions at work did not* improve. He decided to resign after falling asleep at the wheel of his car and writing it off. He later resumed his *general practice training and* now works in Bristol as a group therapist for people *with alcohol dependence and* stress-related problems.

Johnstone: out-of-court deal

In December 1990, in an historic decision, the Court of Appeal ruled that Dr Johnstone's employer could not lawfully require him to *work so much overtime in any* week as was reasonably foreseeable that it would damage his health.

Widespread concern over *junior doctors' hours led the* Government to introduce the so-called New Deal, which set a maximum of 72 hours a week for those in hard-pressed *posts such* as obstetrics from the beginning of this year.

The *Health* Department said yesterday that hours had been slashed in the past six years and none now worked the hours that Dr Johnstone *had. Fewer than 4,000 were* contracted to work more than 72 hours a week, compared with more than 13,000 contracted for more than 83 hours *in 1990.*

But Dr Andrew Carney, chairman of the BMA's junior doctors committee, said the limit was widely ignored. "We know many more are working longer hours."

Peter Taylor, *senior partner* at Hempsons, the BMA's solicitors, said similar cases were in the pipeline. "If you have to work all weekend *deprived of sleep it is humanly* impossible. These junior doctors are abused. It is not a sensible way to run the NHS."

Dr Johnstone said that he *had accepted the settlement* because he felt he had won on principle and did not wish to impose further heavy costs on the NHS. "I was not in it for revenge or megabucks."

CHRIS HARRIS

Ms Booth at Gray's Inn Square before the Silk Ceremony at the House of Lords

Blair's wife dons wig and gown of QC

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

CHERIE BOOTH, wife of Tony Blair, was one of eight women among 71 barristers who formally became a Queen's Counsel yesterday, the *gateway to higher status* and earnings at the Bar.

Ms Booth, who specialises in public and employment law, donned the traditional silk's apparel of full-bottomed wig, silk gown and *buckled shoes* for the ceremony at the House of Lords but she plumped for black breeches rather than the usual black skirt for women.

Along with the other barristers being promoted she drove in a *hired* limousine with her family (including her mother and three children, aged 11, 9 *and 7) and* her clerk from chambers at Gray's Inn Square down to the House of Lords. The Labour leader was at Ms Booth's chambers earlier.

All the new QCs at what is *called the* silk ceremony had to swear an oath to serve the Queen. Speaking beforehand Ms Booth said that more women did not put themselves forward to become QC because of the *problems of combining a* career and motherhood.

She said *she* would *like* eventually to become a judge and had applied to be an assistant recorder, adding: "There's a huge waiting list. *I'm not holding my breath.*"

This year there were 492 applications for silk, of which 42 were from women (8.5 per cent) and 12 from an ethnic *minority background. Of the* 71 appointed, eight are women and one is from an ethnic minority background.

PM hints at 9% cut in power prices

A *pre-election* 9 *per cent cut in* electricity prices was hinted at yesterday by John Major. Confirming in the Commons that the Government was *close to announcing* a £3.5 billion privatisation of the country's most modern nuclear stations, the Prime Minister suggested the nuclear levy might be scrapped earlier than planned.

The 10 per cent levy on electricity bills *to* pay for decommissioning obsolete pow*er stations is to expire in 1998.* It has raised about £9 billion and ministers believe that could be enough to pay for phasing out the six remaining *Magnox plants,* which would stay in state hands, early in the next century.

Rail battle

Highland Regional Council *began proceedings in the* Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday to institute a judicial review of British Rail's decision to close the Fort William-to-London sleeper service. The service, affectionately known *as* the "deerstalker express", has been in operation for almost a century and is to end next month.

Fire attacks

Incendiary devices sent to William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, and Tom King, the *former* Defence Secretary, were intercepted yesterday. The package intended for Mr Waldegrave was addressed to him at his family's 1,000-acre farm *near* Chewton Mendip in Somerset. Mr King recently spoke in the Commons in defence of hunting.

Patients wait

Almost a quarter of those seeking hospital outpatient treatment are kept waiting more than six months for an appointment, a report pub*lished today by the National* Audit Office says. The Pa*tient's Charter* requires that all outpatients should be seen within 26 weeks and *that* nine out of ten people should be seen within 13 weeks.

Thalidomide call

Thalidomide victims met De*partment of Health chiefs* yesterday to seek money to meet the escalating cost of their disabilities. Freddie Astbury, chairman of the Tha*lidomide Action Group, said* the Government had a moral obligation to provide for victims' needs. The group fears a trust fund set up by the drug's maker will run out of cash.

BBC loses head

ITV has poached Nick Elliott, one of the BBC's programme executives, who was recruited *by the* corporation *only* eight months ago. He joined the BBC as head of drama series from London Weekend Television and has helped to revive *the fortunes of popular drama* with series such as *Bugs* and *Hamish MacBeth.*

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Holiday death

A *British* holidaymaker died and his three companions were injured when their boat exploded after being blown by a gale onto rocks off Corsica. Arthur *Shephard,* 65, from Liverpool, and his *friends* had set off from the Cote d'Azur for the Greek islands on Monday when their 12-metre sailing *boat The Palos was* wrecked off Bonifacio.

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es, more spending and more red tape."

The angry exchanges came after seven of the rebels Teresa Gorman, Sir Teddy, John Wilkinson, Mr Shepherd, *Christopher Gill,* Mr Budgen and Tony Marlow confirmed their readmission to the parliamentary party, hailing a "victory for democracy". Sir Richard Body and Michael Carttiss are expected to follow soon.

The rebels had enjoyed a final joint appearance in the limelight at a Westminster press conference. They threat*ened to "make their case by* arguing and sometimes by voting" and suggested that Mr Major had made an error of judgment in depriving them of the whip. Mr Shepherd said: "We believe this to be an *important acceptance by the* Government that the decision to withdraw the whip from fellow Conservatives was a misjudgment."

Mr *Budgen said the party* had moved in a Eurosceptic direction. "They tried to wipe us out, they tried to get us deselected and, but for the support of our constituencies, they would *have succeeded. This is* very much a victory for parliamentary free speech."

Mrs Gorman declared: "We are not Guy Fawkes and we never intended to blow up the Conservative Party, but there *are times in politics when you* have to take a stand on principle." And Sir Teddy added: "We are now going to devote ourselves to do every*thing we can within the* parliamentary party's institutions to *strengthen policy in Europe.*"

Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman, said that no conditions were sought or given by the hierarchy for the return of *the whip.* But in remarks that appeared to accept that the *rebels had advanced their* cause, Mr Hanley said later that the whole party had learned from the experience.

"We have now got a much *clearer view of our policy on* Europe," he said on BBC Radios 4's *The World at One* programme. He urged the MPs to work for party unity in *the run-up to the next general* election.

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Sinn Fein denies arms agreement

By Nicholas Watt

GERRY ADAMS and Sir *Patrick Mayhew were at* odds last night over the decommissioning of IRA arms, raising doubts about the Government's claim that exploratory ministerial talks could go ahead because Sinn Fein *had changed its position.*

Mr Adams criticised the Northern Ireland Secretary for insisting that the IRA must give up its weapons before Sinn Fein could be admitted to talks. "Sinn Fein *and our voters cannot be held* accountable for an organisation over which we have no control," he said.

Sir Patrick insisted that *Sinn Fein had accepted* that the talks would focus on the decommissioning of arms, but Mr Adams said his party had yet to agree a formal *agenda. Asked if he believed* the IRA would hand over its weapons, he replied: "I would need to be convinced."

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GMB seals fate of old Clause 4

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

TONY BLAIR'S drive to *change Clause Four of* Labour's constitution was on the verge of success last night after he won the backing of the GMB general union.

The 4-1 decision by the GMB executive council adds *12 per cent to the Labour lead*er's aggregate of the votes at Saturday's special party conference, which will consider his proposal to end the blanket commitment *to common own*ership. He now commands 32 per cent of the conference in terms of union votes. Taking into account the immense support among constituency party members for change, the *majority* for the new Clause Four is running at about 2-1. Senior party figures *hope* that some unions opposed to change can be turned, but this *would simply* serve to increase Mr Blair's support — at about 64 per or more.

The GMB executive decided that the Labour leader's rewording *of Clause Four con*tained the commitment to full *employment that the union* had been seeking. John Edmonds, the general secretary, said: "The more you read the old Clause Four, the more inadequate it becomes."

The decision of the executive will be binding upon the GMB delegation to Saturday's conference. The delegations of some unions, such as the TGWU transport workers, *can vote differently to the* union's executive; the T & G executive has opposed Mr Blair's proposed changes.

Mr Blair's supporters had calculated that, had the GMB decided to oppose change, the vote at *the conference* would have been tight — but that he would still win. With the GMB opting to vote in favour, they believe it is all but impos*sible for Mr Blair to lose.*

Figures from ballots of local party members show that 355 constituencies have now backed the rewritten Clause Four, with three opposing it.

Mackay to unveil no-fault divorce reforms

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor will outline *proposals* tomorrow for the reform of divorce laws. The concept of fault would be *removed.* "*quickie*" divorces scrapped, and mediation become the norm for most separating couples.

All *divorcing* couples would have to start the divorce process by attending a new first "port of call" information service, where they would be encouraged, but not required, to use media*tion services. The idea builds on a* system already working successfully in Scotland. The service would be *provided by a network of "information* panels" throughout the country, probably run by groups of professionals. Couples would be told about the law and ways that they could reach agreement with the *least* acrimony and expense.

The proposals, to be outlined in a *White Paper, will be closely linked to* parallel reforms now being drafted for legal services and legal aid. Legally aided divorce is likely to be available only through franchised solicitors *under block contracts from the Lord* Chancellor's Department. Law firms who offer mediation services as well *as the traditional legal advice on* divorce will be in a stronger position to be awarded a franchise than others, as *mediation* is seen as the key to reducing the costs of divorce-related *litigation on the legal aid bill.*

The White Paper proposals will replace the fault-based system of *divorce that underpins* many of the present lengthy and bitter court disputes. Couples would have a 12-month period of reflection after registering that they intend to divorce, to sort out *arrangements for the children and* their own finances. At present, 75 per cent of couples favour the "quickie" *procedure under which* they can obtain a divorce in six months.

Under the new plans, the sole ground for ending a marriage would be irretrievable breakdown, with no need for couples to specify a more detailed ground.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern has succeeded in winning *the backing* of his Cabinet colleagues, who have been persuaded that the proposals strengthen, rather than damage, the Government's commitment to the family.

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Receptionist tells of 20-minute lecture on temptations of holiday in sun with boyfriend

Boss demanded staff sign chastity contract

By Paul Wilkinson

A WOMAN who joined a company run by fundamentalist Christians was required to sign an undertaking that she would not live with her boyfriend. But, she told an industrial tribunal, when she later announced her engagement she was dismissed because the family firm did not approve of married women working.

Lesley Jordan, 30, said that all unmarried staff had to promise that they would not set up home with their lovers. Any breach of the undertaking was regarded as gross misconduct and ground for instant dismissal from the company, run by Brian Long and his son Richard, who belonged to the Plymouth Brethren sect.

Miss Jordan is claiming sexual discrimination over the loss of her job last August with NMC Workwear of Doncaster. The company denies having a policy opposed to working wives and says that Miss Jordan was made redundant after it hit a cash crisis.

Miss Jordan told the Sheffield tribunal that the company, which she joined in 1991 as a receptionist, laid down strict rules for staff. Sales representatives were banned from playing music in their cars and women were not allowed to wear trousers.

"They all had Bibles on their desks and then Brian and Richard put one on my desk and later asked me to go to meetings," she said. Four of the seven staff were members of the Brethren.

When Miss Jordan asked for time off for a holiday in Rhodes with her boyfriend, Ian McGrevy, 32, Brian Long questioned her closely and gave her a 20-minute lecture. "He asked me if we would be sleeping in the same room on holiday and then said that Ian was obviously a hot-blooded, normal male and would be unable to resist having sex if we shared a room.

"He said it would be hot and we would be scantily clad and the temptation would be too strong for both of us. I was a bit shocked, but he carried on lecturing me, saying they did not believe in sex before marriage and talking about the sins of the flesh. I couldn't believe it, it was as if I was in a time warp."

In 1993 she moved in with Mr McGrevy and left the firm but the following year she went home to her parents and the company offered her a job as sales office co-ordinator, after first asking if she was still living with her boyfriend.

Last June she told the Longs that she was marrying Mr McGrevy. To her surprise the news was given a frosty reception. She said: "I knew their views on the sanctity of marriage and I thought they would be pleased." She claimed that Brian Long told her: "You will have to leave because we don't believe in married women working." He agreed to let her stay until Christmas as she would not be getting married for a year, but two months later she was handed her pay cheque and told she could go. Redundancy was not mentioned, Miss Jordan said.

Brian Long

Brian Long told the hearing that the clause in the contract barring cohabitation had been removed at the beginning of this year. He denied there was a ban on married women working at the firm, and said married women had been employed there. The tribunal reserved its decision.

After the hearing, Miss Jordan said: "I have another job now, though the pay is poorer, but I felt I had to make a stand. I don't think these people should be allowed to make unreasonable demands of employees." The Longs declined to comment.

☐ There are 14,000 Plymouth Brethren in Britain out of a world membership of 35,000. The sect began in the early 19th century in Dublin, establishing itself in Plymouth in 1828. It has no hierarchy, believing that ecclesiastical orders are not warranted by the Bible, whose teachings they accept absolutely.

Much of what is commonly accepted in the secular world is considered evil and members tend to associate chiefly with each other. The use of television and broadcasting is frowned upon, although newspapers are tolerated. Restaurants, theatres and dancing are forbidden. Holidays are usually taken within the sect.

Members' children do not join in communal worship at school or have lessons involving computers, which are opposed by the sect. They leave school at 16 and universities are regarded with distrust.

ROSS PARRY

Lesley Jordan leaving the tribunal with Ian McGrevy. Her employer's views were in a time warp, she said

Cats called to give evidence in court

TWO cats are to be called to "give evidence" in a legal battle over their ownership. The reaction of Lucky, 5, and its one-year-old offspring, Blackie, will help to decide who should care for them.

Brigitte O'Neil is suing the [illegible] League, which took the cats from a neighbour's garden last September. The charity claims they were dirty and neglected, but Mrs O'Neil says the pets were "catnapped" and that she has been denied access.

In a private hearing at Walsall County Court on Monday, a judge agreed the animals should be present when the case is heard in open court to see their reactions to Mrs O'Neil and her children Kirsty, 15, and Curtis, 17.

Mrs O'Neil, 36, of Walsall, said: "I had Lucky for five years and I am sure she will know who I am when it comes to court, but I doubt if Blackie will. I am suing for damages and want the cats back. They went missing from our neighbour's garden and we spent seven weeks looking for them."

Katie Matthewman, of the league, expressed concern about the welfare of the animals. "If it is a ruling of the court, then we are bound to comply, but there would be some concern about how beneficial the experience would be," she said.

Railwoman in love letters case loses claim

By Paul Wilkinson

A RAIL conductress who developed a passionate crush on a young train driver and sent him sexually explicit extracts from a novel she had written lost her claim for sexual discrimination yesterday.

She had based her complaint to a Leeds industrial tribunal on her assertion that harassment of her by railmen was not treated equally as seriously. She was ordered to pay £250 costs as she had been told at a preliminary hearing that her claim was misconceived in law.

The driver and two other train crew had originally complained about harassment by the woman and she was sacked last September. That case, the first in which a woman was dismissed for sexual harassment, attracted huge publicity but yesterday an industrial tribunal ordered that none of those involved should be identified.

Bill Heardd, a Regional Railways North Eastern spokesman, said that the men had been exonerated. "We would like to add that the drivers, who have suffered with their families throughout this very distressing affair, emerged without a blemish on their character."

The 38-year-old conductress from Harrogate was sacked after one of the men became the butt of jokes among his colleagues in Leeds. She called her book *A Blondie* after the blond driver, a 32-year-old father she described as "so damn sexy".

The woman called herself The Wicked Witch of the North as gossip spread around the canteen at Leeds station that she had bombarded the targets of her desire with letters and cards.

After the hearing the woman remained defiant and promised to publish her book, the names and the allegations. She said that she had "fancied the pants off" the driver. "I had regularly fantasised about him. All this passion had been boiling up inside me for over a year. I wrote the novel to put into words what had happened between me and him."

She had told the hearing that she was made to "carry the can" after canteen banter went too far. "While I faced an almost interrogation-style interview when allegations were made about me, the other drivers' denial was accepted almost straight away.

"Afterwards this driver bragged to me that any complaint I made would seem like sour grapes and be treated lightheartedly."

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Guest died in firebomb attack on noisy party

By Kathryn Knight

A WOMAN fell 13 floors to her death after a man with a "disproportionate hatred of noise" threw a petrol bomb into a flat where a noisy party was in full swing at 2.45am, it was alleged yesterday.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, told an Old Bailey jury that Peter Thurston, 34, donned a balaclava, armed himself with a machine-pistol and a bag full of petrol-soaked newspaper, before confronting the partygoers in a tower block in Leyton, east London.

The fire spread quickly through the flat and the guests panicked as the attacker smashed open the fusebox and cut the electricity, plunging the flat into darkness. Many guests climbed out of the kitchen window on to the balcony. Donna O'Dwyer, 26, fell to her death.

Mr Thurston, a British Telecom engineer, denies murder, arson and causing grievous bodily harm. In his flat police found a machine-pistol and a petrol can. The trial continues.

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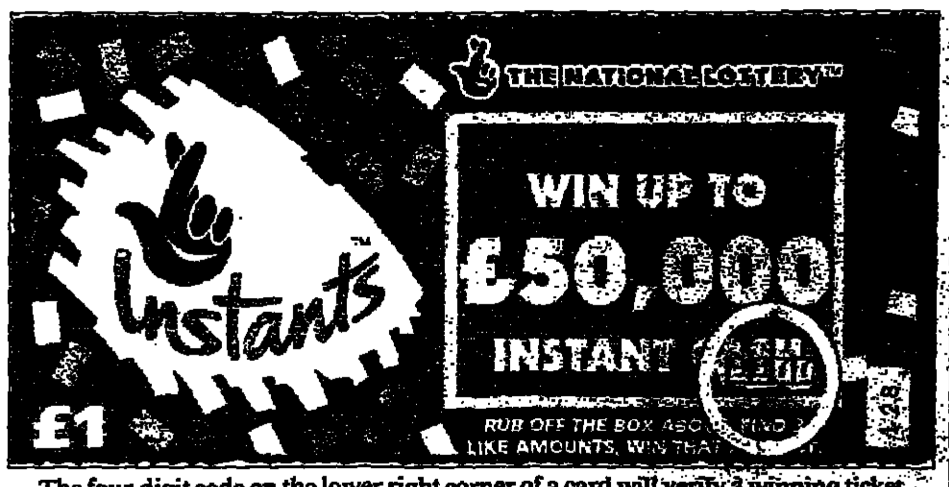
Lottery equipment confiscated after customers say cards were marked

Claims of cheating investigated by Instants organiser

By Lin Jenkins



The four-digit code on the lower right corner of a card will verify a winning ticket

INVESTIGATORS for the National Lottery have confiscated equipment from a retailer selling Instants cards after several customers complained that their cards had apparently been tampered with and others realised that few, if any, winning cards had been bought at the shop.

Investigators are examining another three outlets after people alleged that they were being denied the chance to buy winning cards in the game, which has attracted average sales of £29 million a week.

All the cases under investigation came to light as a result of customers' complaints rather than detection by Camelot, the lottery organiser.

Police mounted a guard on a newsagents shop run by Dilip Patel in Salisbury yesterday as customers congregated outside. Mr Patel has not opened his shop since the National Lottery investigators removed equipment.

Kim Bryan, 29, said when she noticed that one had been tampered with and refused to accept it, Mr Patel allegedly said that his son had been playing with the card and accidently rubbed part of it off.

Camelot is embarrassed by the apparent simplicity of the fraud. Retailers can detect winning tickets by scratching the card to reveal the four-digit security code and running it through their machine to establish if it is a winning ticket. Those giving a prize, of up to £50,000, can be kept and only non-winning tickets sold to customers.

The sophisticated computer system designed to detect fraud failed to uncover the alleged cheating. Camelot has removed equipment from the shop and passed a report of its investigation to Wiltshire Police.

Camelot maintains that the computer will uncover fraud by detecting terminals in outlets where winning tickets are not put through. A spokesman said it operates on the principle that any cheating retailer would take his winning tickets to another outlet to claim his prize.

David Rigg, director of communications for the company, said: "You always have at the beginning various scams," while insisting that they would be detected and stamped out. "I would warn any retailers thinking of cheating that we will catch them and fall on them like a ton of bricks and they will be in big trouble when we have caught them."

Customers have been asked to check their cards to make sure they have not been tampered with. However, with more than 20,000 outlets selling tickets, the company believes the amount of fraud to be minimal and of a crude and easily detectable nature.

"Nearly all retailers have been behaving and acting honestly and the game has been well received. We hope that the public will continue to have confidence since we are acting on the minor incidents we have had," Lisa Bond, a spokeswoman for Camelot, said.

Any person who can prove they were sold a ticket that had been tampered with will have their stake money returned. There are no plans to compensate those buying tickets at Mr Patel's shop.

A spokesman for Wiltshire Police said they were aware of the operation carried out by Camelot, but had not received a formal complaint or a copy of the report of the company's investigation.

The police guard at the newsagent shop was arranged to avoid a possible breach of the peace. Inspector Joy Robertson said Mr Patel had been the victim of racial incidents in the past. "We are here in case there is a problem."

Camelot is also investigating an alleged fraud in Scotland connected to the weekly lottery.

More than 144 million tickets have been sold since the scratch card game was launched on March 21 and £78 million has been paid in prize money.

Camelot aims to achieve sales of more than £32 billion on a variety of games during its seven-year contract to run the National Lottery.

The average of £5.5 billion a year in sales will be met only when all the instant games are launched and variations on the weekly draw are introduced.

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Parents to blame for children's eating disorders

By Lucy Berrington

EATING disorders in adolescents are often directly related to the state of family relationships, a conference was told yesterday.

Dr Simon Gowers, senior lecturer in psychiatry at Manchester University, told the second International Conference on Eating Disorders in London that over-protective and uncommunicative parents were more likely to raise children who would suffer from anorexia and bulimia nervosa.

The births of children who became anorexic were also far more likely than others to have been preceded by stillbirths, cot deaths and miscarriages.

Dr Gowers said that poor communication skills and inadequate problem-solving in families were significant factors in promoting eating disorders. Family members were often unaware of or unable to admit to relationship difficulties. He cited a 14-year-old girl from a professional family who developed anorexia after being sexually abused by her grandfather. She confided in her mother, who responded by sending her to boarding school. When interviewed by doctors, the girl reported no difficulties with problem-solving in the family. "Her parents lacked the insight that the problems with anorexia were directly related to family difficulties."

The conference was also told that women who suffered from eating disorders were more likely to raise physically stunted children. The children of anorexics and anaemics were particularly prone to wasting, obesity and stunted growth, according to Dr Sani Tinini of The Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street, London.

The research has added to fears that Western mothers, including those without a history of eating disorders, are increasingly keen to produce slim children. In a multicultural study of families attending a London clinic, white British mothers rated "attractive" girls slimmer than those they considered "healthy". Those mothers found slimness in daughters more desirable than mothers from Asian and Caribbean backgrounds. Dr Matthew Hodes, senior lecturer in child psychiatry at St Mary's Hospital, London, said: "There is evidence that mothers who dislike body fat are communicating that attitude to their children."

Children's teeth painted to cut decay

Hundreds of Scottish children are to take part in trials designed to cut tooth decay. The 1,200 children, from 30 schools in Tayside, are to have their teeth varnished with a protective film to stop the sugars that cause decay penetrating the teeth.

The three-year trials, costing almost £500,000, are being carried out jointly by the department of dental health at Dundee University and the Canadian manufacturers of Chlorzoin varnish. Professor Nigel Pitts, head of the department, said: "It is a fairly radical experiment. If successful it could have revolutionary consequences."

Comic mourned

Television stars were among mourners at the funeral at Aldershot, Hampshire, of Arthur English, the comedian who died last week aged 75. Molly Sugden, co-star with him in *Are You Being Served?* said: "He was a good actor with fabulous timing."

Robbers targeted

Scotland Yard and the British Retail Consortium have launched a campaign to combat the 14,000 robberies from shops every year. An intelligence centre will sift data supplied by victims for evidence of crime patterns and alert local police.

Dutchmen jailed

Two Dutchmen who ferried Turkish Kurds across the North Sea were jailed by Norwich Crown Court. Willem Hulman, 43, and Evert Lenos, 49, admitted helping four Kurds to enter Britain illegally. Lenos was given five years and Hulman 4½.

'Kray pub' sale

The Blind Beggar, the pub in Whitechapel, east London, where Ronnie Kray shot dead George Cornell in 1966, is to be sold. The lessee, Peter Ferdinando, 57, is to retire to Wapping. He said that, to the disappointment of sightseers, the pub had no bullet-holes.

Pig champion

Martin Snell, a farmer from Mudford Sock, Somerset, is training his pigs to jump over obstacles for next month's One Man and His Pig competition at the Royal Bath and West Show. He hopes to prove that pigs are brighter than people think.

Political violence 'scares children'

By Catherine Milton, social services correspondent

CHILDREN today are more frightened about violent conflicts such as those in Bosnia and Northern Ireland than the dentist and horror films, a new survey shows.

War, bombs and guns are among children's main fears, the survey of 2,000 children aged between seven and twelve has disclosed, a big change from their parents' generation. Only spiders and the dark have remained consistently scary over the past two decades.

Kleshna Handel, of Handel Communications, which compiled the report with Carrick James Market Research, said: "The effect that the media has had on children has caused this change in trends. Bosnia and Ireland have been in their sitting-rooms since they were born. Kids do not have the judgment of grown-ups and therefore the coverage has a different effect."

She added: "The seven to 12-year-olds are light years from the cosy generation of Blyton-reading, picnic-eating and cocoa-drinking youngsters my generation remembers. Many have seen at first hand the hardship and domestic trauma caused by unemployment, marital break-up and financial problems."

Crime now heads their list of domestic concerns. Many children no longer play in the street, where they do not feel safe, and spend much time in their bedrooms watching television, playing with video consoles or computers.

If children do go out for the day, they like to go shopping, to the cinema or to see friends. The children of 20 years ago would have chosen the seaside and other outdoor activities.

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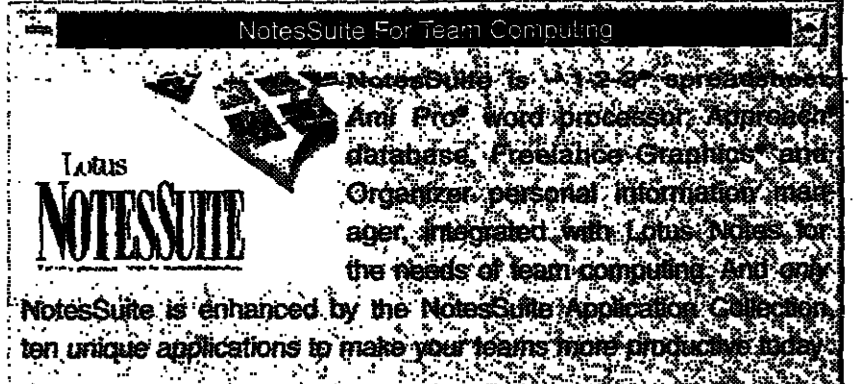

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Part-time painters provide 3,000 graphic examples to celebrate the skills of everyman

National exhibition highlights brush strokes of Sunday artists

Jan Leeming, who took up painting three years ago, adds a finishing touch

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

AMATEUR artists, competing against the attractions of mass-produced prints, photography and gallery art, will be celebrated this week in an exhibition of 3,000 works.

In what its organisers say is the largest show of its kind, 2,000 Sunday painters will display their works at the Royal Horticultural Halls in Victoria, London. The exhibition, opening today, is being staged by the Society of Amateur Artists, which was launched in 1992 "to inform, encourage and inspire all who want to paint".

Celebrity offerings include delicate flower-studies in watercolour by Dame Vera Lynn, an oil, *From the Garden*, by Dame Catherine Cookson, and a pencil sketch of a French peasant done by Sir Harry Secombe in 1949.

The society believes there are two million amateur artists across the country. One survey has suggested that the number of artists working away at easels propped up in kitchens and gardens, rather than garrets, may be as high as six million.

John Hope-Hawkins, the society's administrator, said: "We are trying to encourage people just to do it. We believe anyone can. We can't make people creative, but they can learn to be technically competent — to hang something on the wall that they're pleased with."

Celebrity offerings: the head of a French peasant by Sir Harry Secombe, and a watercolour flower study by Dame Vera Lynn, who will open the show

The London show has no preselection, no vetting. Anything and everything goes. If artists want to create a pile of bricks or place a sheep in formaldehyde, they would be encouraged to do so, Mr Hope-Hawkins said, "... if it gives them amusement". But this is really a painting show, and most of the works are figurative, consisting largely of landscapes, seascapes and still-lifes.

Belying the "amateur" label, today's Sunday painters are in good company. Gauguin was a stockbroker when he offered *View at Viroflay* to the 1876 Impressionist Exhibition. L. S. Lowry was a rent collector for the Pall Mall Property Company, Manchester, until he retired in the 1950s; he kept his art to himself, ashamed of being thought a Sunday painter. Then there is the shining example of Winston Churchill, who took up painting in his middle years.

The artists in the exhibition range in age from 14 to 93. Gerald Pitchforth, a retired banker, is the oldest. "Painting is my best hobby, and keeps me in good health," he said. Mr Hope-Hawkins, emphasising the therapeutic value of art, lamented that local authorities had stopped funding art evening classes, unless vocational. "That has left a great void for a lot of people."

Other celebrity artists include the television presenter Jan Leeming. She described taking up painting three years ago, long after weekly art classes at school, when "most girls filled in between school and marriage and a career in art wasn't even thought about".

At the insistence of a friend, she signed up for lessons in paintings and drawing at her local adult education centre. "I was absolutely smitten by it all," she said, adding that there was talent in all of us. "You don't know what you've got until you try." She spoke of being inspired by "the artists I can't copy. I love Turner, because I do watercolours, and the Impressionists. I'm really old-fashioned ... Goya, Géricault, pictures that tell a story." She now is taking private lessons in drawing animals — particularly leopards and cheetahs, her favourites.

Another artists on the celebrity wall will be Jo Keating-Dawson, the sister of Tom Keating, the master forger unmasked over his "Samuel Palmers". Her works are copies of copies. She was inspired by her brother's versions of Constable's *Hay Wain*, Degas' *Dancers* and Van Gogh's *Sunflowers*. The exhibition ends on Saturday.

Bacon portrait settles £680,000 tax demand

By John Shaw

A PAINTING by Francis Bacon has been given to the nation in settlement of £680,000 inheritance tax on his estate, it was announced yesterday. *Study for a Portrait*, an oil on pastel, was painted a year before the artist died in 1992.

Christie's, which negotiated the deal, said the 78in by 58in painting of a man with a camera tripod showed the [illegible] height of his artistic powers in his later years".

Bacon is widely represented in public collections and since his death his work has been the subject of several retrospectives. The auction record for Bacon was set by a triptych which made £3.7 million at Sotheby's in 1990. A portrait sold for £3.6 million at Christie's in 1989.

The portrait is one 27 works of art accepted in lieu of tax totalling £6 million in 1994-95, compared with 18 works the previous year. The acceptance in lieu procedure has saved many items from going abroad. It is administered by the Museums and Galleries Commission on behalf of the Government. Peter Longman, director of the commission, said: "This has been a year of considerable progress for the scheme, which we have been running for ten years. We are delighted with the number of items that have been accepted, with the wide range of objects involved and the wide variety of institutions which have benefited."

Under the procedure, Chagall's *L'Artiste dans son Atelier* and Magritte's *La Condition Humaine* go to the Castle Museum, Norwich. They settle tax of £665,000 on the estate of Lady Adeane, a notable benefactor of the arts in East Anglia. The studio of F. E. McWilliam and its contents have been given to the local authority at his birthplace, Banbridge, Co Down, where they will form the nucleus of a sculpture centre.

Study for a Portrait

Six studies by Naum Gabo will be presented to the Tate Gallery in settlement of £979,616 tax. Chattels at Nymans House at Handcross, West Sussex, have been accepted in lieu of £177,500 tax and will enable large portions of the house to be opened to the public. The property, best known for its garden, is owned by the National Trust. A silver gilt wine fountain, in settlement of £770,000 tax, stays *in situ* at Calke Abbey, Derbyshire, another National Trust property. A rare silver kettle with stand has been given to the National Museum of Wales.

Also taken in lieu of tax were paintings and drawings by Turner, Klee and Picasso, two archives of historical papers, a library of books on Islamic pottery, and the contents of country houses in Grampian and Derbyshire.

Two feared dead in dive on Second World War wreck

By A Staff Reporter

POLICE frogmen renewed the search yesterday for two divers missing on the wreck of a ship sunk off the Scottish coast in the Second World War. However, the father of one of the men said he accepted that his son must be dead.

David Waterhouse, 29, and David Weaver, 26, were diving on Monday on the 7,000-tonne supply ship *SS Breda*, which lies 60 feet down in Ardmucknish Bay, Strathclyde. A third diver from the Dragon Diving Club in North Wales lost contact with them while they were exploring the ship's hold and raised the alarm when they failed to surface.

Oban coastguard scrambled a Royal Navy helicopter from Prestwick and Oban lifeboat and several other diving boats carried out a search, but no trace was found of the missing divers.

Mr Weaver's father Geoff, 53, was preparing yesterday to travel to Scotland to see if the seven-strong team of police divers could find his son.

Speaking at the family's bungalow at Nercwys, Clwyd, he said: "In all reality we have given up hope of ever seeing him again. I think he is almost certainly dead. We are heartbroken to have lost him because he was such a wonderful son who everyone loved.

"David loved the outdoors and especially the freedom of the sea. He adored the water and was into all kinds of sports, including surfing. But his real passion was diving and outside his business it was virtually his life."

He said that his son was a qualified instructor who had been diving for more than ten years.

He was a bachelor, lived with his parents, and had two sisters, Susan, 28, and Helen, 24. He ran his own business as a plumber and heating engineer.

The family of Mr Waterhouse, from Connah's Quay, Clwyd, have already travelled to Scotland.

Oban coastguards said that diving on the wreck was hazardous because it was silted up and visibility was almost nil. Police at Oban said that parts of the *Breda* were unstable and diving parties were warned about the danger.

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Owners of fish farms vote to kill cormorants

By Michael Hornsby

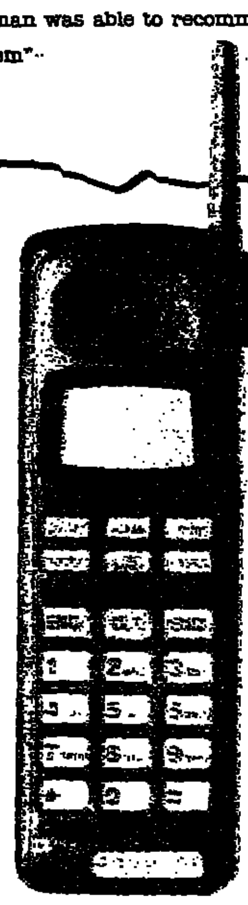
FISHERY managers risk prosecution after voting to shoot cormorants, the protected seabirds that they say are destroying their freshwater stock.

The call to arms against the "black plague" was issued yesterday by the Commercial Coarse Fisheries' Association, whose members run stillwater fish farms and angling centres. About 40 delegates unanimously passed a motion promising the association's support for any member who "deems it necessary" to shoot cormorants to protect stock without first applying for a government permit.

Colin Bourner, the association's secretary, said: "Cormorants are consuming vast amounts of fish and there is no way they can co-exist in the long run with our fisheries. We simply cannot afford to sit back and watch our livelihood being destroyed."

He is advising all his members to make use of the so-called "farmer's defence" clause in the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, which allows landowners to shoot birds and other predators endangering crops or livestock.

Cormorants are thought to have been driven inland by dwindling fish supplies in estuaries and other coastal waters. The birds have been lured by easy pickings in heavily stocked fisheries.



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Independent heads give parents pledge on small classes

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

HEADS of independent schools added to the furore over class sizes yesterday by announcing a drop in the number of pupils per member of staff and promising to maintain small groups, even at the cost of higher fees.

The independent sector's share of school places fell last year, although the school-age population has grown. But there was a surge in demand for places at private day schools to offset the continuing fall in boarding.

The annual census by the Independent Schools Information Service, which represents 80 per cent of the sector, showed 509 fewer pupils than in January 1994. The 0.1 per cent drop to 461,844 was the smallest for three years.

Class sizes have increased in state schools, but the independent sector has moved in the opposite direction because of a slight improvement in staffing levels. Independent schools had 12.3 pupils for each teacher in January, compared with 13.1 in 1990. In state schools, the ratio worsened from 16.9 pupils per teacher in 1990 to 18.1 last year.

David Woodhead, director of Isis, said: "Educationalists and politicians argue whether class size matters. Parents don't; they want individual attention for their children and that means for many children smaller teaching groups. Fee increases are the price parents pay for generously staffed schools, as well as updated facilities."

Fees rose by 4.2 per cent last year, compared with a rise in average earnings of 3.7 per cent. The average boarding fee is £3,415 a term and fees for day pupils average £1,462 a term. The schools said that last year's fee increase exceeded inflation because the bill for teachers' pay rose by up to 5 per cent.

Leaders of the five main independent school associations rejected suggestions that class sizes might be allowed to rise to hold fees down. Parent surveys have shown that class size ranks with examination results and discipline among the chief reasons for sending children into independent education.

Paddy Holmes, chairman of the Independent Schools Association Incorporated, said the brightest children could benefit from the interaction in large classes. But smaller groups were essential to produce the remarkable results achieved by "truly average" children in the independent sector.

Hugh Wright, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, said present staffing levels allowed independent schools to give teachers more time out of the classroom. "If you wish teachers to take part in the extracurricular life of the school, they ought not to have all their energy and time taken up with teaching academic subjects."

More than 28 per cent of pupils at independent schools now receive help with fees, from school funds, education authorities or the Government's assisted places scheme. The increased amounts available in scholarships and bursaries, likely to total more than £50 million this year, ensured that more pupils were not lost by the sector during the recession. But boarding has continued to decline.

Preparatory schools have been hardest hit. This January, there were fewer than 1,200 full boarders at the age of eight and fewer than 2,000 aged ten.

Independent schools report more applications for places this year and next, despite an expected 4 per cent rise in fees.

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Overseas intake 'dilutes character'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

BOARDING schools that turn increasingly to foreign pupils to compensate for declining numbers risk forfeiting their traditional character, according to experts.

Independent schools have been quick to tap the overseas market since the recession and changing fashions have caused a 15 per cent slump in boarder numbers in three years. But the pace of change is alarming both foreign and British parents and several schools have had to introduce informal limits for foreign pupil numbers.

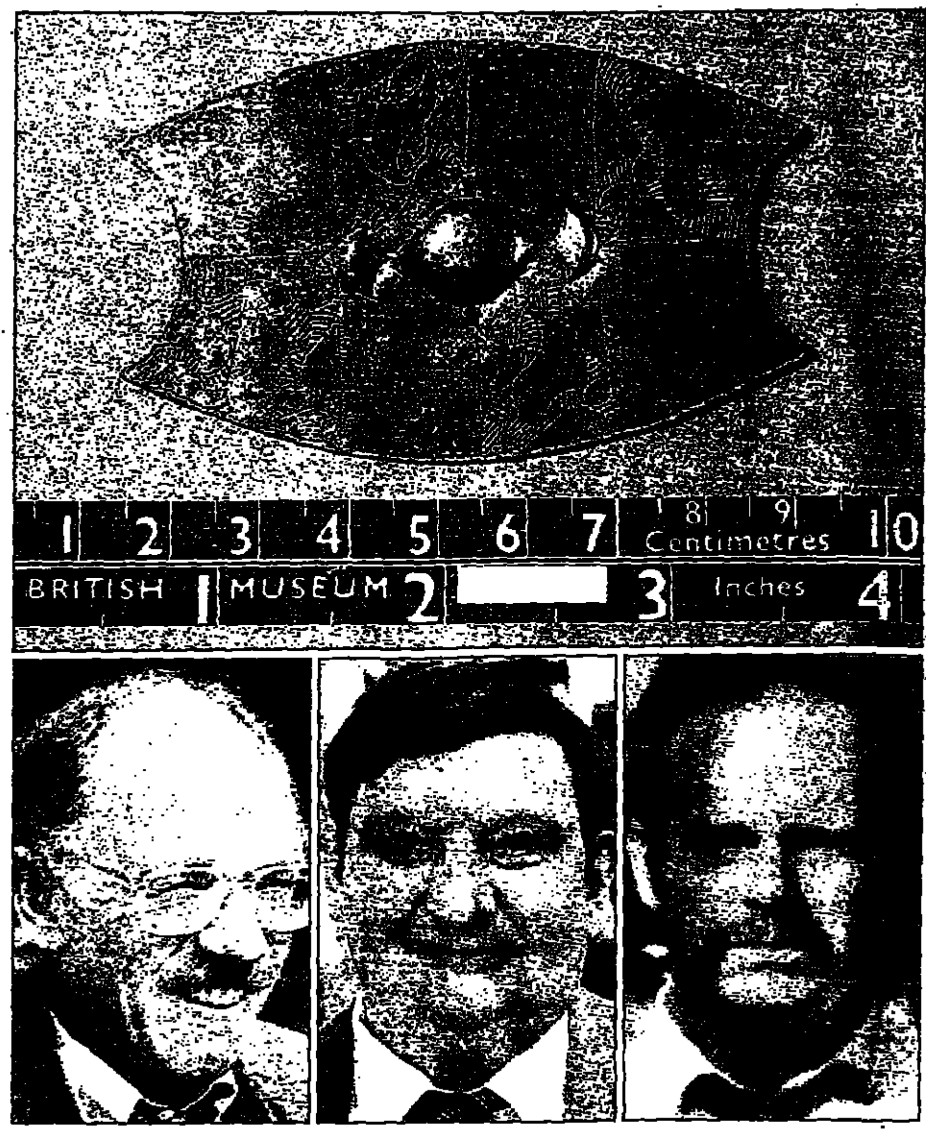
Overseas pupil numbers increased by almost 8 per cent last year, according to the Independent Schools Information Service census published yesterday. One in five boarders now comes from abroad and numbers have risen by almost one third over three years in the 240 leading schools that make up the Headmasters' Conference.

David Dowdles, deputy head of Bradfield College in Berkshire, said that some boarding schools were sacrificing their traditional ethos by increasing numbers too quickly. He said Bradfield had introduced an upper limit of 7.5 per cent of the roll for foreign pupils. But he acknowledged that it was difficult for a school struggling for survival to turn pupils away.

Roger Perrin, headmaster of St Bede's School, Hailsham, East Sussex, said about one third of its pupils had come from overseas since it opened 17 years ago. He said that the school was carefully organised to take account of the needs of foreign pupils and, for example, gave great priority to teaching English as a second language.

Mr Perrin said: "People are rushing around the world, going to Hong Kong and Russia, and coming back with 25 pupils or so to save their cash-flow haemorrhage. Unless those pupils' needs are being met that's not absolutely right."

Former Tory treasurer unwitting link in chain, jury told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Terence Rossiter, left, John Cummings and James Garriock deny dishonest roles over 20 tiny rare shields dating from 200 BC, such as that shown above

Lord McAlpine 'was sold stolen Iron Age relics'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

LORD McALPINE of West Green sold 20 Iron Age decorative shields to the British Museum for £55,000 without realising they were stolen, a court was told yesterday.

A keeper at the museum became worried when the peer and former treasurer of the Conservative Party was unable to detail their provenance. A five-year investigation began. It ended with three men appearing at Knightsbridge Crown Court, central London.

Lord McAlpine, a collector of antiquities, bought the items from a dealer for an undisclosed sum in 1985 and sold them to the museum in 1988. They were part of the "Salisbury hoard" of 500 Iron and Bronze Age artefacts, found in a ploughed field by two men using metal detectors without the landowner's knowledge and secretly sold on, the court was told.

Lord McAlpine, the party's deputy chairman in Baroness Thatcher's first Government, is not expected to be called to give evidence about his unwitting involvement in the trail of dishonesty alleged by Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution. He said that among items Lord McAlpine had bought from Maurice Braham, an antiquities dealer, were some 20 miniature shields. "These are extremely rare pieces of some value. Their provenance was unknown and Lord McAlpine was unable to tell the museum who had found them." Dr Ian Stead, deputy keeper of the prehistoric Romano-British collection, contacted dealers worldwide.

Mr Laidlaw, describing the Salisbury hoard, said: "It appears that some time around 200 BC, somebody collected together at least 500 examples of Bronze and Iron Age work. For some reason that collector, male or female, then buried the collection on the site of an Iron Age settlement, possibly for religious or pagan reasons, maybe as a sacrifice."

James Garriock, 42, a gardener, and Terence Rossiter, 47, unemployed, both of Salisbury, deny theft. John Cummings, 48, a dealer of Foston, Lincolnshire, denies dishonest handling. The case continues.

Can the Mexican yam be a patch on HRT?

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

MEDICAL BRIEFING

IN LATER life, one in four women suffers from osteoporosis, or loss of bone density. It causes 150,000 fractures a year that result in 43 premature deaths a day and costs the health service about £750 million annually. HRT taken for five to ten years reduces the toll by 60 per cent, preserves a youthful countenance, rids women of menopausal symptoms and has a beneficial effect on heart and arteries.

HRT is not without its problems, however, although statistically it saves a great many more lives than it costs. There are worries about the effect on the incidence of breast cancer and hormone replacement does, in some cases, perpetuate the monthly mood swing.

There is now a natural alternative on offer: the yam, that staple of Victorian travellers' tales which, it seemed, was capable of sustaining village life when all other crops had failed. It is not recommended that the yam, and in particular the Mexican yam, be taken in tablet form, or applied as transdermal patches. Instead, an extract of Mexican yam has been prepared as a gel to be smeared on any soft skin such as that found over the lower abdomen, the inner thighs or breast.

The advocates of yam gel claim that it is rich in a natural progesterone hormone that will relieve menopausal symptoms and strengthen the bones. A spokesman for the company marketing the yam gel claims that many people have used it, are satisfied with the result and that their opinion has been supported by observation if not by scientifically conducted trials.

The opponents of yams as a cure for the menopause say that progesterone, natural or not, has never been a proven treatment for menopausal symptoms, and in particular not for osteoporosis. They are worried that women might be encouraged to discontinue tried and tested treatments.

A spokesman for the National Osteoporosis Society said: "It would be wonderful if yam gel controlled osteoporosis, but this is the first time that anybody has suggested that progesterone, whether natural or synthetic, can do this and so far there has been no evidence to show that it can. It would be outrageous if fears about HRT were exaggerated so that women didn't receive the treatment they need."

Dr John Stevenson, chairman of the British Menopause Society, is equally discouraging. "No leading medical journal has ever published any data to support the idea that the natural progesterone in yams can control either menopausal symptoms or osteoporosis. Conversely, one reputable study did show that progesterone, which usually has to be taken as part of HRT, has no influence on bone density."

Patients would be well advised, in this instance, to stay with traditional medicine.

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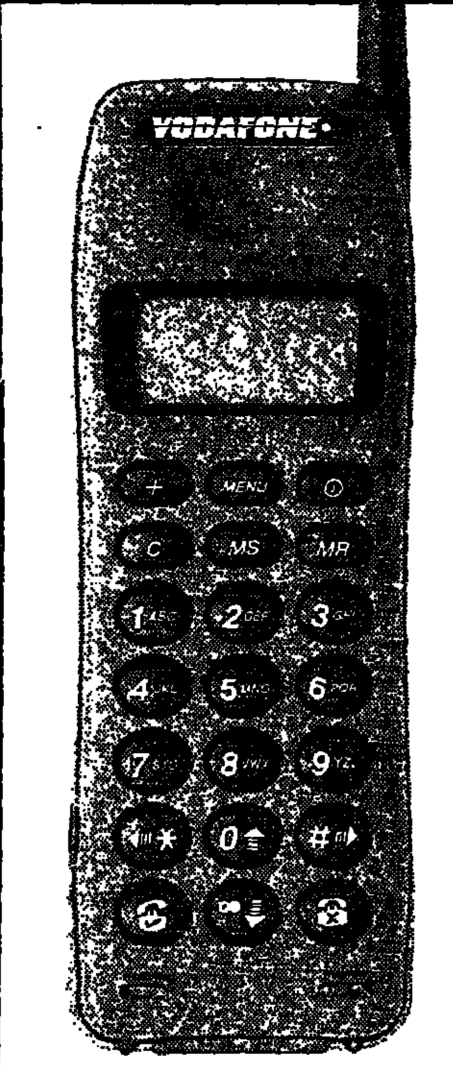

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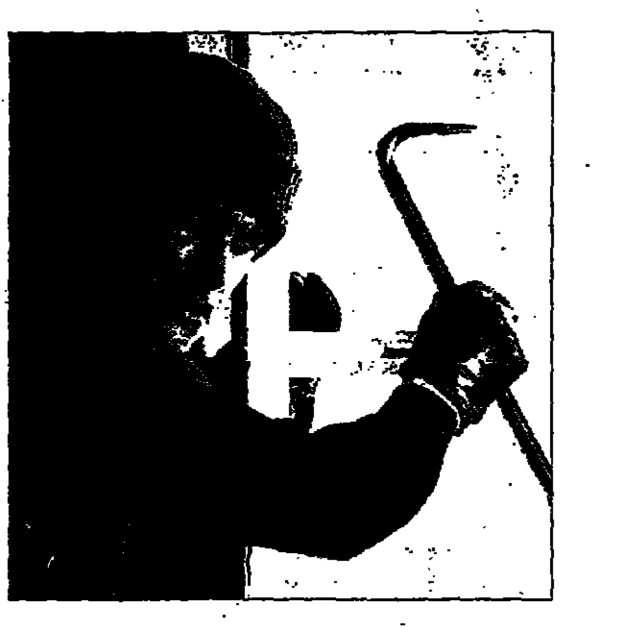

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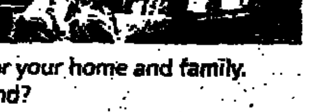

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School sports revival plan falls foul of cash shortage

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

PLANS drawn up by Iain Sproat, the Sports Minister, to revitalise team games in state schools have been heavily scaled down in Whitehall.

In a report to John Major a year ago, Mr Sproat said that all schools should offer five competitive games, stay open an extra 10 hours a week to make more time for sport, and pay teachers about £500 a year for taking on additional responsibilities.

But lengthy negotiations between Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary and Mr Sproat's boss, and Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, have put paid to many of his proposals. Education department sources have indicated that in the light of the dispute over the underfunding of the teachers' pay award, there is no prospect of the Government finding more money to pay staff for coaching teams in their spare time. However, ministers are promising some form of "rewards and incentives".

A White Paper on school sport in early June will also make clear that the Government will not move beyond the present requirement that schools devote two hours a week to physical education. Nor will the emphasis be solely on team games.

The decisions undermine the main parts of Mr Sproat's proposals and will disappoint one of the main teaching unions, the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, which promised an enthusiastic response if teachers were paid for taking on extra work.

Instead, ministers will rely on the growing competition between schools for pupils to reverse the decline of the last decade, which has been blamed for the poor performance of the national cricket and football teams.

The White Paper will require schools to publish annual reports on their sporting achievements, facilities and qualifications of their staff. But sports scores will not be included with exam results in league table information on schools. Ministers believe that parents will take this extra information into account in choosing schools and that heads and governors will respond by appointing teachers who can offer more than purely academic skills and qualifications.

Mr Sproat wanted teachers to take the lead in regenerating team games in the belief that this was the best way of ensuring that all pupils were given a sporting education. But despite his warning that splitting coaching responsibilities with local clubs tends to benefit only a talented minority, the White Paper will make another attempt to involve clubs more fully.

Some of his proposals have survived. Money will be found for a new network of sports colleges, modelled on the technology colleges, and National Lottery funds will help to improve school sports facilities.

SIMON WALKER

Six of the rebels yesterday, from left, Sir Teddy Taylor, Christopher Gill, John Wilkinson, Teresa Gorman, Nicholas Budgen and Richard Shepherd

Rebels remain scourge of the Tory leadership

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The return of the whipless Tory MPs to the marital home — with Michael (or is it now Sir Michael?) Spicer as the marriage guidance counsellor — is an exercise in cynicism and insincerity. Nothing has really changed over the five months of their well-publicised martyrdom. The MPs neither regret their original decision not to support the Government in a confidence vote over the European Budget Bill nor have they promised good behaviour, as they showed with their defiant, almost contemptuous, stance yesterday. Their marriage to the Tory party looks like remaining troubled.

Tony Blair made the most vivid comment with his taunt to John Major in the Commons — "I lead my party, he follows his". Mr Major responded robustly, but the saga has illustrated the tight constraints he faces over anything European. With a paper Commons majority now barely in double figures, a determined group can always defy the party leadership, provided they have the support of their constituency parties, as all but one of the nine have had.

The decision to make the Budget Bill a confidence vote was based on the calculation, or rather miscalculation, that only two or three would vote against. Eight, plus Sir Richard Body, presented a different scale of problem. Apart from the VAT vote in December, the rebels have mainly been an irritant rather than a threat to the Government's majority, as was shown in the vote on Europe two months ago. There has been no evidence of the consistent support for the Government previously deemed necessary for a return of the whip. The rebels have seldom voted against the official line — indeed, Nicholas Budgen never has. Rather, they have not turned up for several important votes.

The point of the rebellion has largely disappeared. As David Howell, now in the "anti-federalist" mainstream over Europe, remarked last night, the explanation for the continuation of the revolt has been "a fondness for media attention plus the achievement of a certain passing notoriety". He derided the rebels as "silly-billies". They are a curious band of the principled, the self-obsessed, and the weird and have anyway largely been pushed to the margin in recent weeks. That is why some Tory whips believed they should left to stew, especially as there will be few big European votes in the coming months.

Mr Major decided otherwise, and it was very much his decision. The restoration of the whip fulfilled one demand of the Tory Right and could be presented as a conciliatory gesture ahead of the inevitable turbulence after next week's elections. I doubt if it will do Mr Major much good either in the short or the long term. Some of the former rebels are among his most longstanding critics and will sign on for any attempted coup after May 4. It does not matter what is said now. What matters if the size of the losses and the mood in a fortnight. The anti-Major forces are keeping quiet now since they do not want to be accused of rocking the boat before these elections.

Moreover, the nine gave no sign yesterday that they will toe the line on future European votes. It is absurd to believe that Sir Teddy Taylor or Sir Richard Body, among others, will break the habits of more than 20 years and support Europeans measures with which they profoundly disagree. Their views, tantamount to demanding withdrawal from any likely European Union, remain at the extreme end of the spectrum. More worrying for the frustrated band of Tory pro-Europeans is how the centre of gravity of the parliamentary party has moved in a sceptic direction, with the ambivalent support, or at least acquiescence, of the Cabinet. The rebels have played little part in this process. Their exile has elevated their importance, and their nuisance value.

PETER RIDDELL

ID cards campaign backed by Major

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter

THE Prime Minister gave his full support to the introduction of identity cards yesterday in spite of strong opposition from Euro-sceptic Tory MPs.

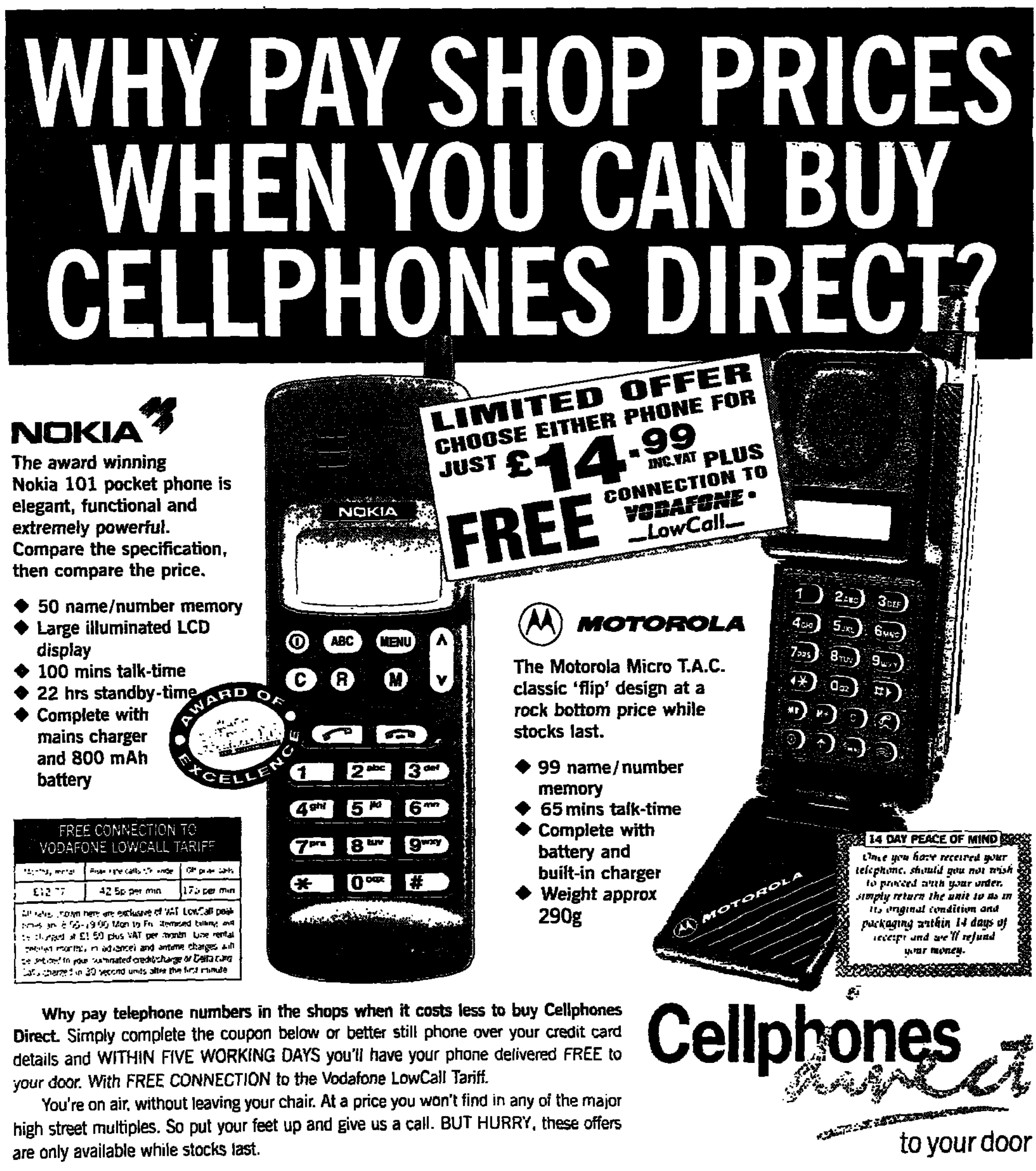
Ignoring right-wing claims that ID cards could hasten abolition of the European Union's internal frontiers, John Major told the Commons at Question Time: "I believe there are significant advantages identity cards may offer to prevent crime and fraud."

Next month Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will publish a Green Paper setting out various options and their costs. The main proposals are likely to include voluntary use for everyone and compulsory use for social security claimants to combat fraud. Uniform photocards for motorists will also be an option.

Eight of the nine former whipless MPs warned the Government last week that it would then have to insist on an amendment to the Treaty of Rome to protect Britain's legal right to maintain border controls. The Conservative Way Forward group of right-wing Tories is also opposed to ID cards on libertarian grounds.

Jeremy Hanley, the Tory Party chairman, said that MPs were wrong to link ID cards with border controls. "The Prime Minister has made it absolutely clear that our position on frontier controls is extremely strong."

There are also divisions in the Cabinet over whether the scheme should be compulsory, with key figures such as Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Clarke expressing doubts. A compulsory scheme could cost £500-£600 million to set up. Mr Major has not said which option he favours.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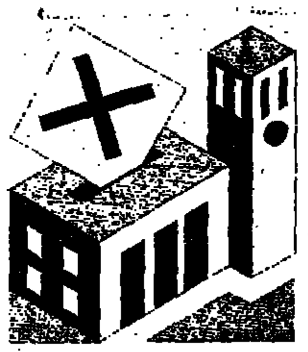
Blue-collar workers wary of Blair's new Labour

By Ian Murray, Local Government Correspondent


LOCAL ELECTIONS

TONY BLAIR is providing the Tories with their best chance of retaining power in Solihull, once one of their safest strongholds in the industrial West Midlands.

The loss of two seats at the May 4 election will cost them control of the council. If they manage to keep them all it will largely be due to suspicion about "new Labour" among a skilled blue-collar workforce that has historically voted Tory.

Today, many of these workers are disenchanted with the Government, but they are wary of champagne socialism and scornful of the Liberal Democrats. "I always voted for Thatcher but I don't think I'll bother to turn out this time," said Mike Lea, a foreman at the huge Land-Rover plant that gives the town much of its work and wealth. "The Tories have let us down and Blair sounds no different to me. I've got no idea what Clause Four has to do with the real world we live in."

Ken Meeson, the Tory group leader, who rules thanks to an uncomfortable alliance with the independent ratepayers, fervently wishes that he could cut the town off from news of events at Westminster. He wants no help during the campaign from visiting national politicians.

"If you talk about local issues on the doorstep people are extremely happy with our administration," he said. "I think the intervention of national politicians is at best unfortunate. It takes the focus away from what local government is about."

Under Tory rule, Solihull has campaigned against grant-maintained schools and has continued to build council houses. "We have not felt bound by Central Office diktat and we run a very efficient administration," Mr Meeson said.

He points proudly to recent Audit Commission league tables showing that Solihull provides the full range of services at lower cost than any other metropolitan authority. He is bitter at the way the government revenue grant to the borough was cut by £1 million this year forcing the council to put up its tax by 9.5 per cent while drawing £3 million from reserves to fund the teachers' pay bill.

He is also angry that the new local hospital, built for £38 million after years of campaigning, applied for trust status last July and showed such a serious financial shortfall that it is now being merged with a Birmingham trust hospital. "These are things beyond our control and yet we are being blamed for them. If we could campaign on our record we would win easily and if we lose, it is because we are taking the can for central government."

The Labour leader, Mick Corser, agrees. He clearly finds it difficult to say how Labour would run things very differently if they were to win the 11 seats they need to gain control. "We would divide the budget cake a bit differently, spending more on education and social services," he said. Deep down he does not believe that Labour can win control on its own and his best hope is to form a ruling coalition with the Liberal Democrats.

The Liberal Democrats, however, have their eyes on a grander coalition, sharing power with both the other parties. John Reeves, a Liberal Democrat councillor, said: "We would never get into bed with Labour on its own. No party has all the best people, but if we could mix our talents Solihull would get the best local government anywhere."

Forces medical cuts condemned by MPs

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

BRITAIN'S defence forces lack the medical support they would need to treat the casualties of an armed conflict, MPs said in a report yesterday.

The Commons Defence Select Committee condemned money-saving cuts in defence medical staff and accused officials of hiding from MPs the scale of the reduction. The said that the loss of 700 beds and 3,780 staff was jeopardising Britain's ability to cope even with hostilities short of all-out war.

The MPs voiced particular concern at the drop in the number of surgical teams in Regular Army Field Hospitals from 43 to 24. They said British troops' peace-keeping role in Bosnia had underlined the need to maintain medical support services.

"We fear that the major reduction in the Defence Medical Services will reduce the ability of the UK to generate military medical support for the frontline in the event of serious hostilities," the MPs said. "We are not confident that the proposed medical establishment allows properly for medical casualties in time of war."

The committee added to its past criticisms of secrecy by defence officials. "We are concerned at the scale of the reductions in the defence medical services, hitherto concealed — whether deliberately or inadvertently — from public and parliamentary scrutiny."

Five of the seven service hospitals that were open in the early 1990s are being closed. The committee called on the Government to be "as helpful as possible" in talks with the local NHS Trust on ways of leasing and thereby saving the RAF hospital at Wroughton, Wiltshire, because of local needs.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to education ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by a debate on the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, second reading, opened by Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary. In the Lords: debate on the Jobseekers Bill.

TODAY in the Commons: from 10am, backbench debates on responsibility to children, the future of rugby league, state and private education, Scottish non-domestic rates and the National Health Service in east London. From 2.30pm, questions to Scottish ministers followed by a debate the Criminal Appeal Bill. In the Lords: debates on local government, the football industry and the Dangerous Dogs (Amendment) Bill.

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Veterans of two world conflicts converge on key staging posts along the road to peace

Old soldiers embrace at East-West rendezvous

From Roger Boyes in Bonn and Michael Binyon in Moscow

TWO veterans, an American and a Russian, yesterday embraced on the banks of the Elbe to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the link-up of the Eastern and Western fronts, which spelt the inevitable end of the Third Reich.

The meeting in Torgau in Saxony between Lieutenant William Robertson — who yesterday wore an unmilitary-looking baseball cap — and Lieutenant Aleksandr Silvaschko, formerly of the Red Army, was supposed to symbolise the co-operation of Russians and Americans in defeating Hitler. An American jazz band and a crowd of veterans from both countries tried to give the historic moment on April 25, 1945 a contemporary gloss.

Lieutenant Robertson seemed convinced that the East-West tension which followed the war was little more than a 50-year hiccup. "The Cold War was a government affair. I don't believe that it would have happened if it had been left to the people."

Yet even when the two lieutenants first met on the Torgau bridge, there were serious considerations in both the East and West about the nature of the next conflict. In particular, relations between Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin were turning sour. And yesterday's encounter at the bridge — blown up last year as a safety hazard — was far from straightforward.

For one thing, the first meeting of Russians and Americans had actually occurred by chance some hours earlier, about 18 miles south of Torgau. The American top brass did not approve of an unrehearsed meeting with the Russians, and so the more carefully-organised encounter at Torgau was chosen as the historically correct rendezvous.

The embrace, hesitant at first, became more confident as it was staged again and again for photographers throughout the day. Lieutenant Silvaschko, meanwhile, was probably saved by his presence on the photograph. Two other members of his patrol were demoted and punished for their relatively spontaneous action. The Soviet high command plainly believed that historic moments should be the preserve of generals and not lieutenants or sergeants.

In Moscow yesterday, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, dedicated a vast hall within Russia's gigantic new memorial to the Second World War, where the names of more than 12,000 war dead are written in bronze letters on marble placards lining the walls of the rotunda.

Mr Chernomyrdin and Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, spoke of the enormous sacrifices that saved Russia from annihilation by the Nazis, and voiced the nation's gratitude to ordinary soldiers who have until now received no individual recognition.

After more than 15 years of vacillation and delay, Russia's most grandiose memorial to its 20 million wartime dead is being completed in a whirlwind of activity beside the triumphal Borodino arch on the outskirts of the city.

The memorial has provoked a bitter controversy in a country that was sickened by the communists' hijacking of every patriotic sentiment, and has been repeatedly criticised for its giganticism, vulgarity, cost and political dogmatism.

The original design had to be altered radically after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The proposed statue of Lenin leading the victorious masses was dropped; a Russian Orthodox chapel, complete with golden cupola, vast prefabricated bronze icons of Christ and colourful mosaics, was added to the site. A steel obelisk, 141.8m high high to symbolise the 1,418 days of war, was hastily chosen to fill the gap in front of the semicircular traditional marble memorial.

As usual in Russia the project, costing £100 million at 1984 prices, is well behind schedule.

Aleksandr Silvaschko, left, and William Robertson re-enact their meeting at the Elbe 50 years ago

Australian soldiers, dressed in traditional uniforms and carrying bayonets, stand yesterday in front of the monument at Gallipoli to troops killed during the invasion of the Turkish peninsula 80 years ago. Thousands of veterans in Australia also took part in the most revered day in the country's military calendar (Roger Maynard writes).

Gallipoli remembered

Only 15 Australians who fought in the Gallipoli campaign, in which 8,709 Australians and 2,701 New Zealanders were killed, are alive. Although most of them are about 100 years old, several attended Anzac Day dawn parades in Australia. The same cannot be said for the official party, which was due to arrive before first light on the shores of Anzac Cove in Turkey yesterday morning. Thousands of Australians and New Zealanders travelled halfway around the world to attend the dawn service, and were clearly disappointed when the top brass, including Bill Hayden, Australia's Governor-General, failed to appear on time. Some wondered whether they had gone to the wrong cove, recalling the British bungle that saw allied troops land at Anzac Cove, instead of safer points nearby. Spectators had to wait for nearly 45 minutes before the official party turned up.

A lone New Zealand bagpiper played a lament for those who died. "It's so sad and emotional," Mena Telford, 76, said. Her father, an Australian sergeant, was wounded on the first day of the Anzac landing.

Tribute to PoWs of 'death railway'

From Associated Press in Kanchanaburi, Thailand

ABOUT 800 people gathered yesterday to honour Australian and New Zealand prisoners of war who died building the Second World War's infamous "death railway".

War veterans, their families and schoolchildren were among those attending the annual Anzac Day ceremony at the River Kwai in Kanchanaburi Province, 68 miles west of Bangkok. Diplomatic representatives were also present.

More than 16,000 Allied prisoners of the Japanese — including 2,800 Australians — and 100,000 Asian forced labourers died constructing the 257-mile railway, linking Bangkok and Rangoon.

A Japanese television crew attended to shoot footage for a documentary telling Japanese youth the truth about their country's actions.

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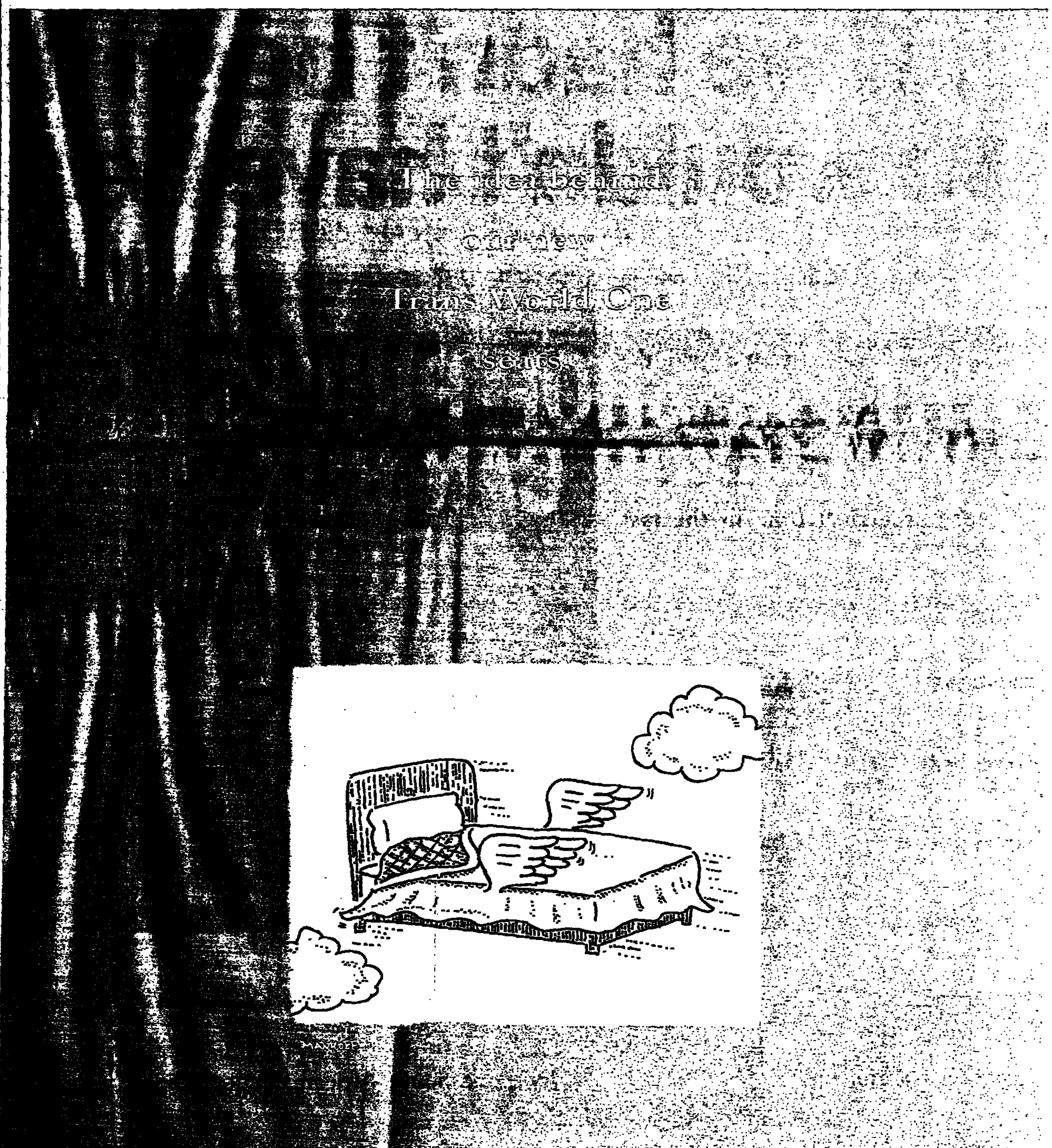

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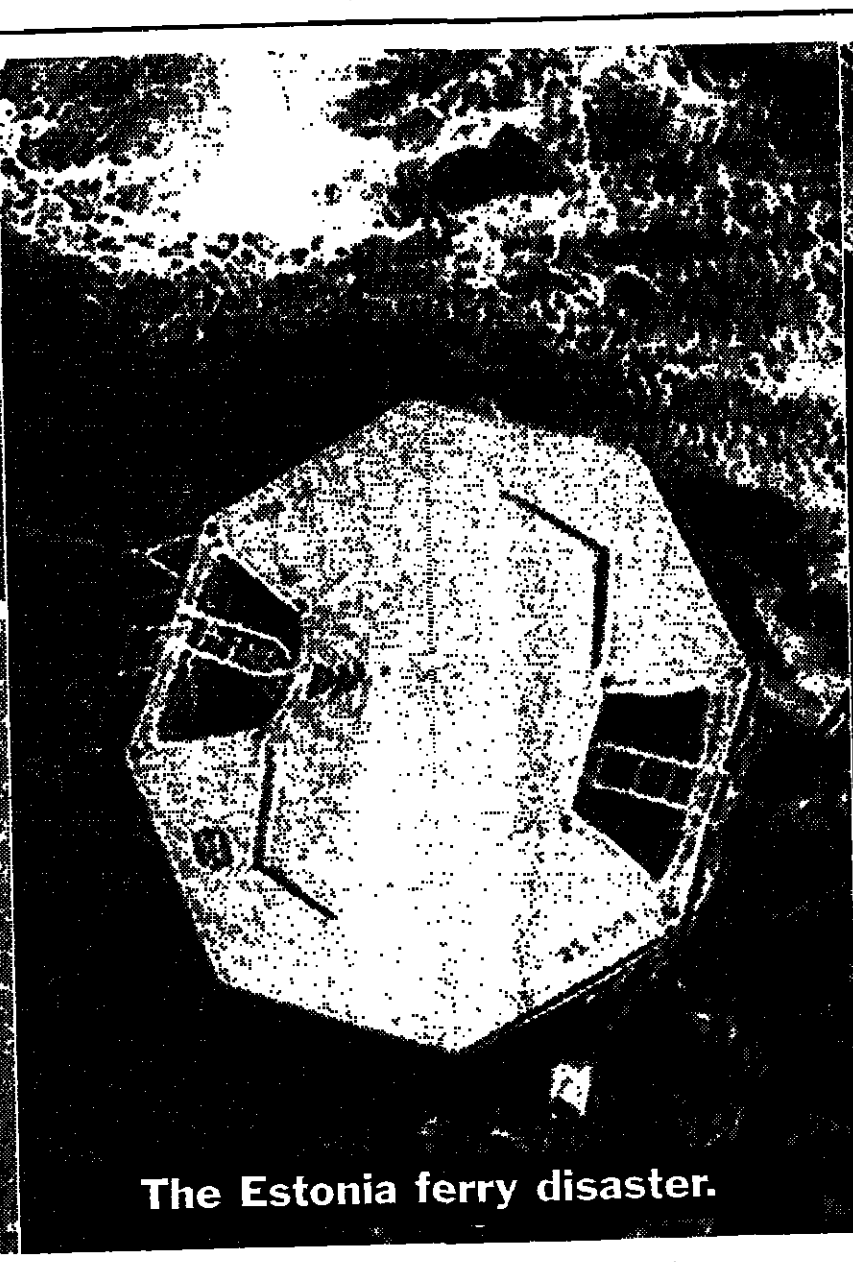

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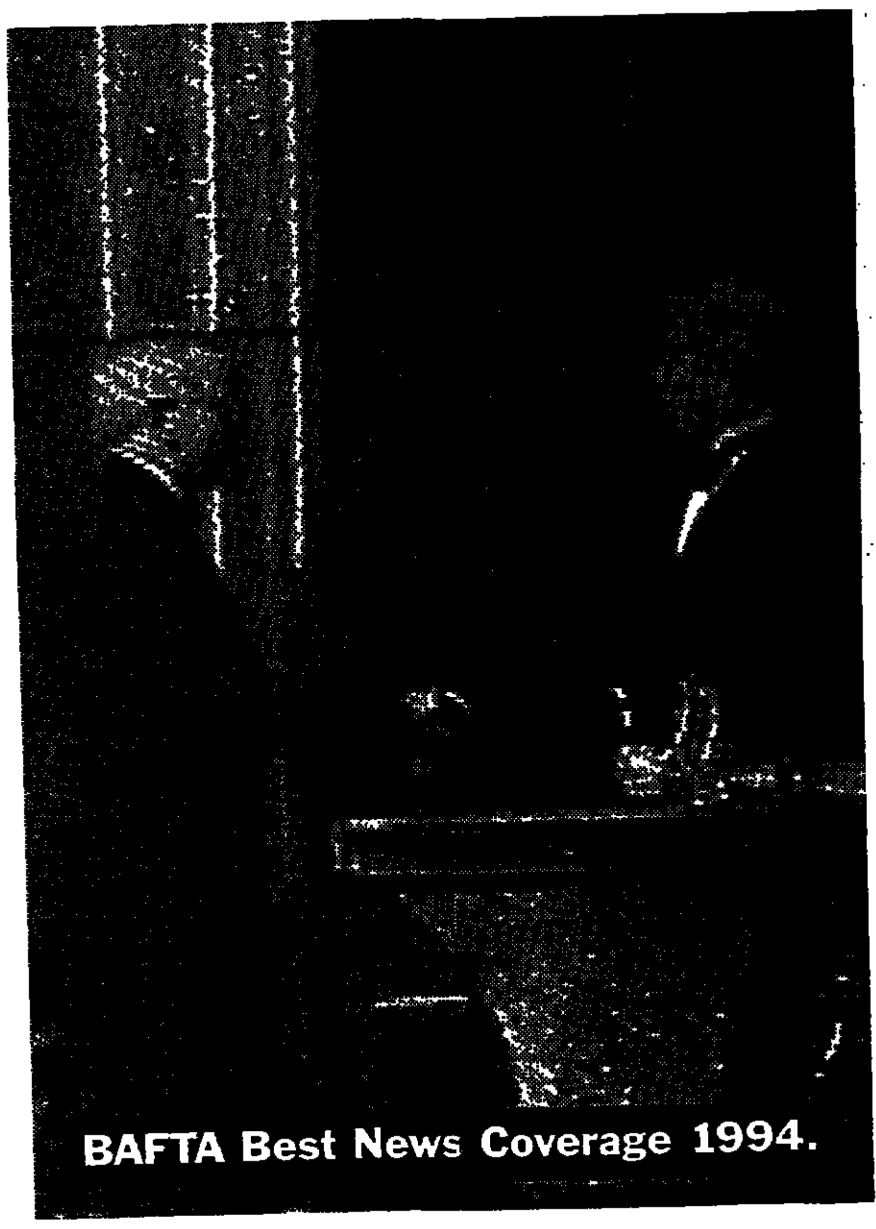

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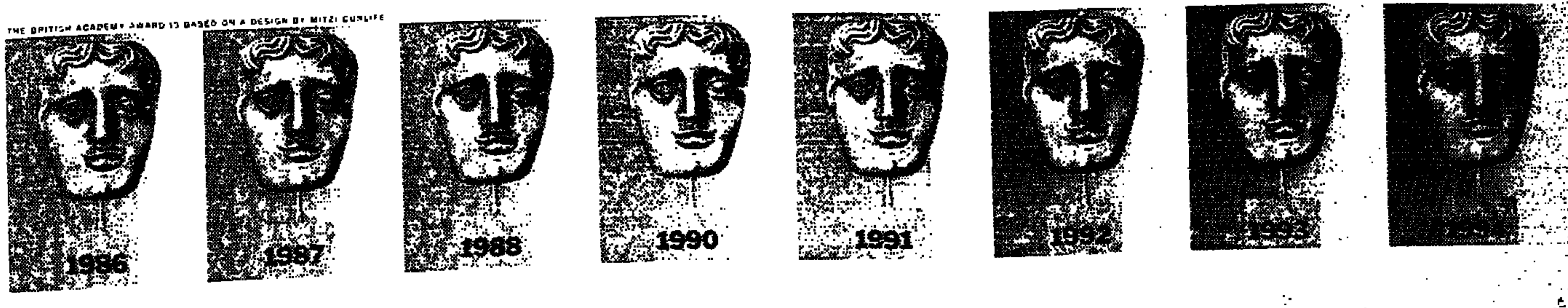

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Baghdad rejects oil-for-food plan proposed by UN

By James Bone in New York and Our Foreign Staff

IRAQ'S National Assembly formally rejected a United Nations plan yesterday that would have allowed the country to sell billions of dollars worth of oil on world markets to raise money for food and humanitarian supplies.

The decision of the 225 legislators in the rubber-stamp assembly had been expected ever since Iraqi leaders reacted coolly to the UN Security Council resolution spelling out the scheme on April 14. Baghdad's hard line came as a blow to British and American officials who had worked hard with their Russian and French counterparts to draw up a compromise.

With deliberate timing, Iraq also announced new opportunities in its oil industry for Russia and France, which have both advocated the easing of sanctions. Russia has been given the opportunity to develop two giant oilfields in the south and talks are at an advanced stage with French companies on developing other major oilfields.

The oil-for-food scheme permits Iraq to sell $2 billion (£1.3 billion) worth of oil over an initial six-month period despite the UN oil embargo imposed on the country more than four years ago after its invasion of Kuwait.

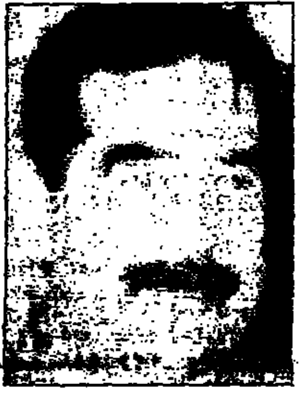
The bulk of the proceeds would go to buy badly needed food and humanitarian supplies. About $600 million would, however, be set aside to pay compensation to victims of the Gulf War, and a further $100 million would pay for UN weapons inspectors in Iraq. Up to $300 million more would be docked to provide aid to the Kurds in northern Iraq under an economic blockade by Baghdad.

The terms set by the Security Council for the Iraqi oil sale were considerably less stringent than those required by a similar scheme adopted in 1991. Britain and the United States had hoped Baghdad would accept the oil-for-food proposal to relieve the suffering of its people and defuse growing criticism in the Middle East of the continued oil embargo. Iraq, which has the potential to become a dominant oil producer in the 21st century, evidently feared, however, that the restrictions would set the pattern for all of its future oil sales.

With no influx of new food supplies in prospect because of the rejection of the UN scheme, President Saddam Hussein moved this week to tighten government control over harvests. Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council decreed that "the marketing of wheat, barley, rice, maize and sunflower seeds shall be confined to the state at prices determined by it".

☐ **Weapons fear:** Ineffective controls on the export of sensitive technologies could lead to the widespread proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, it was claimed yesterday (Michael Dynes writes).

Controls on the export of key technologies are so inadequate that Western arms exporters face a repetition of the Matrix-Churchill affair, in which Britain helped to rearm Iraq, according to Saferworld, an independent London-based think-tank.



Saddam: wants tighter control over harvests

Turkey cuts force in Iraq by 20,000

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

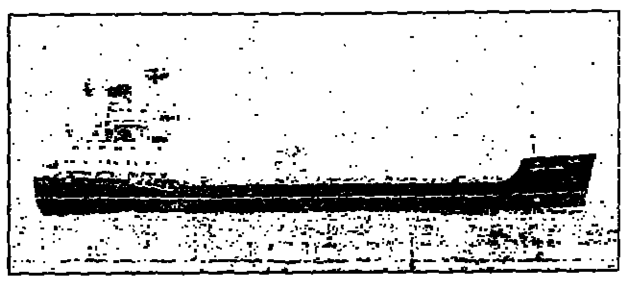
TURKEY, yielding to pressure from its Western allies, announced yesterday that it had withdrawn 20,000 more troops from northern Iraq, where it has bruised but not crushed the Kurdish separatist rebels it had vowed to annihilate.

Military officials gave no deadline for the withdrawal of about 12,000 troops left behind to maintain attacks on Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) rebels, who have exploited the power vacuum in northern Iraq to establish bases for cross-border raids into Turkey. "The operations of our units aimed at getting rid of the presence and effect of the terrorists in the region near our border in northern Iraq are continuing," Colonel Dogu Silacioglu, a Turkish military spokesman, said.

The withdrawal of the bulk of the 35,000-strong invasion force that swept into northern Iraq on March 20, came days after Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Prime Minister, returned from talks in Washington with President Clinton, who urged an immediate pullout. Washington's European allies, in particular France and Germany, had issued a warning that Turkey was endangering Ankara's recent customs deal with the European Union. Germany and The Netherlands suspended military aid to Turkey after voicing fears that civilians would be caught in the crossfire.

The Turkish military, which had said there were 2,500 PKK rebels in northern Iraq, claimed it had killed 505 "terrorists" in the six-week operation. Although not a complete success, diplomats said the offensive had managed to drive rebels from Turkey's southern border deeper into the mountains of northern Iraq. Many PKK weapons had been seized and camps smashed.

Japan protests greet nuclear waste ship



Anti-nuclear demonstrators protest against the arrival in Japan of radioactive waste carried by the British-registered freighter Pacific Pintail, right, yesterday. At first Hiroshi Kimura, the provincial Governor, refused to allow the ship to dock at the northern port of Mutsu Ogawara. He changed his mind, however, after receiving a written statement from the Government in Tokyo, promising that it would not to try to bury the waste permanently in his prefecture. The ship was due to put in early today at the end of its two-month voyage.

The episode has highlighted the controversy over the country's nuclear programme. The freighter was carrying 14 tonnes of reprocessed Japanese radioactive waste from France. It is to be stored for 30 to 50 years near Mutsu Ogawara, before it is buried elsewhere. Tokyo plans to ship 7,100 tonnes of spent fuel to France and Britain for reprocessing. *(Reuter)*

Hamas suspect dies during Israeli detention

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

A SUSPECTED member of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, died in a Jerusalem hospital yesterday, the first death in detention since the Israeli Government relaxed interrogation rules for Shin Bet, the secret police.

*Israel radio announced that the Justice Ministry had ordered an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Abed a-Samed Harizat, 30, a computer engineer from the occupied West Bank city of Hebron who was picked up from his home just after midnight on Saturday. The relaxation of the rules covering interrogations was sanctioned after the suicide bombing in the heart of Tel Aviv last October which claimed 22 victims. It was extended in January after Islamic suicide bombers killed 21 more Jews near the resort of Netanya.

The case has provoked fierce debate about the methods used to stem the wave of Islamic terror. PLO police have also been accused by human rights groups of severely mistreating Palestinian prisoners, two of whom died in custody.

The dead man's older brother, Abdullah, claimed he had died from wounds to the left shoulder and neck. "We have no doubt that he was killed by the interrogation," he claimed.

News of the death prompted a protest strike in Hebron. Hamas quickly threatened revenge.

Israeli security sources claim the dead man was a senior member of the military wing of Hamas and linked to three Islamic extremists shot dead by Israeli soldiers in Hebron last week.

Dalia Kirstein, director of HaMoked, the Israeli centre of the defence of the individual, said: "The circumstances surrounding this death are very fishy. We think it is a severe lesson to Israeli society not to give a completely free hand to the intelligence services." Ms Kirstein said that if a post mortem was held, the family would request that it be conducted by a foreign doctor. She said the dead man's family was being represented by a Jewish lawyer and that a hearing would be held today to decide the next stage in the case.

Under the new guidelines Shin Bet was authorised to use force beyond the "moderate physical pressure" permitted them by the Landau commission report issued in 1987. Israeli human rights groups claimed at that time that even those guidelines had in effect sanctioned torture.

☐ **Tyre:** Nine Israeli soldiers were wounded in a bomb attack in Bint Jbeil in Israel's self-proclaimed "buffer zone" in south Lebanon yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Nato would use force to accomplish Bosnia withdrawal

Plans drawn up for UN pullout

From Michael Evans in Mönchengladbach

NATO commanders are expected to adopt a tough, aggressive stance against obstructive warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina if the alliance is called upon by the United Nations to evacuate the 24,000 UN troops from the civil war.

A detailed contingency plan that would involve about 40,000 alliance troops from Nato's new rapid reaction corps, which is close to being fully operational, envisages negotiation first, followed by decisive military action in the event of violent confrontation with local forces.

Although there is no political decision on the precise make-up of a Nato withdrawal force, a list of military requirements has been drawn up by the the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC).

The list includes attack helicopters and it is assumed that they will be the American Apaches, combat-proven from the Gulf War. Washington is also expected to offer ground troops although Nato commanders cannot yet count on American involvement.

Planning for a withdrawal of UN troops, who are commanded by Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, from Bosnia remains sensitive, particularly since the ceasefire between the warring factions is due to end in five days. However, the readiness of the ARRC to carry out its first mission since its formation after the end of the Cold War was underlined yesterday by its British commander, Lieutenant-General Mike Walker. He said: "I'm confident we can deploy and successfully complete a mission in any theatre of operations."

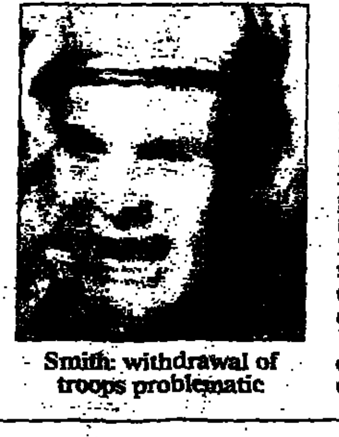
The ARRC, which is based on four multinational divisions and support units totalling about 100,000 soldiers, is primed to be ready for deployment within 7-15 days. Under present planning, it could take four to six weeks to get 40,000 Nato troops into Bosnia although there are contingencies for taking more rapid emergency measures.

Yesterday, the British Government's fears for the safety of the 400 British soldiers in Gorazde in eastern Bosnia was highlighted when it emerged that the Royal Welch Fusiliers in the Muslim enclave will not be replaced.

Nato sources said: "If we're ordered to Bosnia we will not be going in as peacekeepers but to get the UN troops out. Any major military challenge would be decisively dealt with."

ARRC headquarters staff are involved in an exercise codenamed Arrcade Guard, rehearsing all the procedures for deploying forces to Bosnia. Although the ARRC, which includes two British divisions, is fully prepared, none of the Nato commanders underestimates the difficulties.

☐ **Sarajevo:** Two British UN military observers and their interpreter were apprehended by three Serb soldiers in the Sarajevo area yesterday and forced out of their Jeep, a UN spokesman said. *(AFP)*



Smith: withdrawal of troops problematic

Russia condemns war crimes move

By Misha Glenny

THE potential threat to Bosnia peace initiatives posed by the United Nations decision to name Serb leaders as war criminals became real yesterday when Russia voiced objections.

The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, based in The Hague, is investigating Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, General Ratko Mladic, the army commander, and Mico Stanisic, the former secret police chief.

A Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday: "Such a step will harm efforts to achieve a peace settlement in the Balkans." The official told Interfax news agency it was more productive to search for a political deal than to "stir the past". Since the Bosnian Serbs rejected the Contact Group peace plan last summer, attempts by international mediators to persuade them to resume talks have ground to a halt. Instead, the international community succeeded in persuading President Milosevic of Serbia to cut his links with Mr Karadzic and the Bosnian Serb leadership by imposing a blockade between the rump Yugoslavia and Bosnian Serb-controlled territories.

Now there are no levers left to use on the Bosnian Serbs. The effect of the war crimes tribunal announcement will be to persuade Mr Karadzic and General Mladic to dig their heels in still further.

But there is a further element to the investigation which suggests that the tribunal and some members of the five-nation Contact Group are slipping into a political mire. Along with the investigation of Mr Karadzic and General Mladic, the tribunal has also said it will be pursuing some Bosnian Croats suspected of involvement in massacres of Muslims which took place in the Lasva valley of central Bosnia in the spring of 1993.

The tribunal's statement fails to name these suspects. A spokesman for the Bosnian Serbs asked why their leaders had been named but not the Bosnian Croats.

According to one well-placed UN official, the most senior Bosnian Croat under investigation is Dario Kordic. The problem is that Mr Kordic is the leading figure in the Republic of Herceg-Bosna, the Croat mini-state which has agreed to a theoretical federation with the Bosnian Government.

This shaky alliance between Muslims and Croats has become the centrepiece of American policy in Bosnia-Herzegovina. If Mr Kordic was named it could jeopardise attempts to consolidate the federation.

An impasse has been reached. The tribunal, however well-intentioned, can do nothing to stop the fighting. It may, however, encourage it.

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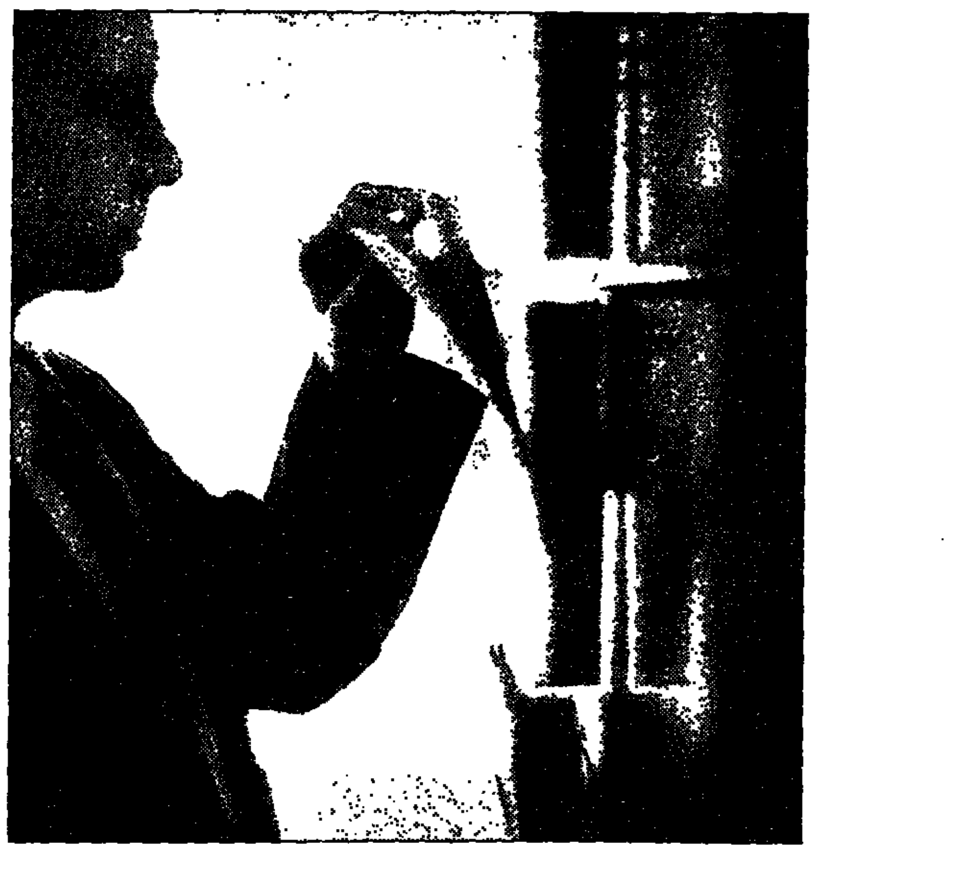

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Tutsi troops cut off food for Hutus left in camp

FROM SAM KILEY IN KIGALI

TUTSI soldiers cut off food and water yesterday to the last Hutus besieged in Kibeho camp in southwest Rwanda where thousands were slaughtered at the weekend.

"The siege will continue even if it means going on for six months," an officer of the Rwandan Patriotic Army said outside an old hospital compound where the Hutus were holed up. They are the remnants of Kibeho's population, until last week 100,000-strong.

The United Nations has slapped a gagging order on Australian and Zambian peacekeeping soldiers who witnessed the *massacre of* thousands of Hutus in Kibeho. The UN's civilian leadership reduced its official *estimate from more than* 8,000 to about 2,000.

The sudden drop in the figures has sparked a bitter *row within the UN. UN* military sources, aid workers *and diplomats accused the* UN yesterday of a "cover up".

Australian soldiers and medical staff who conducted a body count said they logged 4,050 dead before abandoning the operation *to help the* wounded. This figure was accepted *by the UN's civilian leadership under Shaharyar* Khan, who issued it in an official report the day after the massacre. But after meeting the Rwandan Government, which has insisted that no more than 300 people were killed, the UN dropped its figure to "around 2,000 and possibly less".

Mr Khan said yesterday that this figure came after a separate and scientific body count was conducted by the UN's chief military officer. "We are not deceiving anyone," he said.

Oxfam and *Médecins Sans* Frontières, who worked in Kibeho, have complained that the UN has suppressed the scale of the killings. "Something very fishy is going on," *said Robert Maletta of Oxfam.*

However, Major Mark Cuthbert-Brown, a British military policeman acting as *the UN's Provost-Marshal* who was in Kibeho from Saturday *afternoon, backed* up the UN's final estimate of 2,000.

"I saw a Rwandan soldier *pull the pin on a grenade and* roll it behind a woman with her child. *It blew them to* pieces. I saw a man shot while sitting down," he said.

Scores of bodies are laid out in Kibeho camp in preparation for burial. The number killed by the Tutsi army is disputed by *Rwandan government officials* and aid workers

Rwanda refugees fear attack from all sides

FROM CATHERINE BOND IN KIBEHO, SOUTHWEST RWANDA

THE enclosed courtyard in which the last of the Hutu refugees are holding out in the heart of Kibeho camp is a vision of hell: children sit amid fresh corpses that look like sacks of grain, half hidden by plastic sheeting. Fear of the Tutsi government soldiers outside and brutal intimidation by refugees inside *prevents them from leaving.*

Tutsis sat watching Australian United Nation troops enter the courtyard and take up positions against a sniper, allegedly hiding on a balcony. "Inside," said one young soldier, "there are soldiers of the old regime and civilians. We are now trying to convince them to come out."

The inner circle of the Rwandan Government sanctioned the closure of this camp last week when its Tutsi-led army launched a military operation, cordoning off the camp with soldiers. According to the commander in charge of the area, Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Nyamvumba, three-quarters of the refugees in grass hutches on the hillside went home, but about 20,000 refused, taking sanctuary in a half-burnt church and school buildings below.

Last Saturday, Australian troops say *they* calculated 4,050 dead, after Government *soldiers had opened fire on* refugees streaming downhill *from the church and school.* A sea of belongings several feet *high chokes a deserted* marketplace. Hundreds of people suffocated in the stampede *when the army* mistook the moment refugees ran to take cover from a *shower of rain,* as an attempt to break out of *their* cordon. "They were tired," said Captain Shema, of the Rwandan Patriotic Army, trying to explain away the reason why all the belongings were dropped in one place.

Others left a trail of posses*sions as they fled, pursued* by soldiers who were seen bayo*netting* men, women, children to death. Bodies littered the camp, but according to *UN* troops, they were cleared up by the army, buried in mass graves and thrown into pit latrines, before President Bizimungu and other Hutu officials from the Ministry of Justice and Interior visited the camp on Monday.

Some aid workers do not think that when the army cordoned off the camp and began to screen refugees for people suspected of taking part in last year's genocide, that it intended its military operation to end this way.

"It was not revenge killing," said one aid official who has spent several years in Rwanda. "I don't think they planned a massacre, they're not that stupid. In the heat of the *moment* the army lost control of its men. They *started doing outrageous* things: shooting people who *were trying to surrender,* firing rocket propelled grenades *into women and children."*

Pools of blood lay in bowls and soaked *piles of* clothes. Several people who appeared to have died from bullet wounds were sprawled on a staircase leading to the balcony where the sniper was supposed to be. One man had *just died* inside a classroom packed with 50 women and children. *Next door, about* 30 people bore hideous wounds from the previous *few days.*

The Australians evacuated the wounded to a Red Cross lorry but one man, thought to be too badly injured with a *head* wound to make a recovery, lay on the road for hours in the *sun before dying.*

Now UN troops are using *gentle force to remove the last* of the refugees before the army carries out a *threat to* attack the school. "I don't think I will serve any purpose," said a Zambian soldier as he tried to persuade a woman and her children to leave. Her husband, the main agitator in the camp, refused to let her go. "I come from here," he said. "Why should I walk all the way to Butare to go home? We want to be taken to another place of refuge."

But UN troops continued to escort refugees past piles of clothes, sacks of grain, excrement and corpses. They were taken to a road where they sat down to wait for transport to a football stadium in Butare, where radical Tutsis from an *impromptu intelligence ser*vice screened out those refu*gees they wanted jailed.*

The church around which *the refugees sheltered was the* scene of a massacre of thou*sands of Tutsis a year ago.* Now it is the turn of Hutus to seek refuge in prayer.

Oklahoma suspect 'sees himself on military mission'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND TOM RHODES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

McVeigh: no reaction to pictures of victims

THE final death toll from the Oklahoma City bombing could exceed 200, the White House said yesterday as the prime suspect for the atrocity adamantly refused to cooperate with investigators. Timothy McVeigh showed no reaction even when confronted with pictures of children killed or mutilated by the blast.

Officials reported that Mr McVeigh, who has been held in *solitary confinement in a top-security* Oklahoma prison, was responding to *all questions with an inscrutable* silence. "He is like a cold fish: calm and collected," said one. *His* interrogators "say he is the scariest man they have ever seen. He sees himself as a soldier." The Pentagon released Mr McVeigh's military records, showing that he was trained as a gunner for a Bradley Fighting Vehicle, won a Bronze Star for his Gulf War service, and for a while served in the same unit as another suspect, Terry Nichols.

Nichols's brother, James, was ap*pearing in court in Michigan yester*day on unrelated gun and explosives charges. *Terry Nichols is due to* appear in a Kansas court today on *similiar charges. Both men have* links to extreme right-wing paramilitary groups and investigators want to hold them in custody as they search for evidence that could link them to the bomb plot. Investigators have found letters in Mr McVeigh's car vowing to avenge the deadly federal assault on the Branch Davidians' Waco compound in 1993. They have also raided the Florida home of his 21-year-old sister, Jennifer, in search of further evidence.

The Senate has unanimously ap*proved a resolution condemning* the bombing, demanded the death penalty for *those responsible, and prom*ised quick anti-terrorist legislation.

Rescue workers in Oklahoma City were yesterday nearing the Pit, the *chillingly-named basement area of* the federal building where they expect most victims to be found. Funerals continued six days after the explosion, as the stench of death started to waft across the city.

With each new victim came another story of a life extinguished. Chase Smith, a three-year-old, had been looking forward to his regular dancing *lesson when his mother* dropped him at the nursery that *morning. His brother Colton,* two, died with him. "They were inseparable," *said the boys' mother, Edye.* "Now, I suppose, they will be together in heaven."

Donald Fritzler, 64, and his wife *Mary, 57, died together on their 36th* wedding anniversary. Alan Whicher, 40, a Secret Service agent, telephoned his wife two minutes before the explosion and wished her luck on a speech she was giving to the local bible group. "I was only halfway up the stairs to get the speech when I felt the blast," said Pam Whicher. "I don't know why, but I knew something awful had happened to him."

In Sacramento, California, yester*day, a letter bomb exploded, killing* Gilbert Murray, 47, a timber indus*try lobbyist. Police said they believed* it was the work of "Unabomber", a serial attacker who has killed [illegible] people and injured 23 in at least 15 *incidents since 1978. Most targets* have been university academics.

Chat show hosts hit back at Clinton

BY TOM RHODES

AMERICA'S conservative talk show hosts, denounced by *President Clinton as purvey*ors of hatred, went on the offensive yesterday, accusing liberals of using the Oklahoma bombing for political gain.

The day after Mr Clinton *had* called on the American public to speak out against *"reckless speech and behav*iour" on the nation's airwaves, *switchboards throughout the* United States were jammed by *angry callers agreeing with* the President.

Universal revulsion over the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil, combined with a realisation that the bomb was planted by forces within, has brought the question of blame to the fore even before all the bodies have been pulled from the rubble.

Talk show hosts, known as the "ayatollahs of the airwaves" and considered by many Democrats to be the most powerful vehicle of support for the angry white male *and the anti-federalist ideolo*gy of the new Republicans, *said it was irresponsible to* suggest there were any links between last week's explosion in Oklahoma City and public attacks on the Government.

Rush Limbaugh, whose show is broadcast on 660 stations, said that liberals were trying to ignite a "national hysteria" against the conservative movement and attempting to restrict freedom of speech.

"Make no mistake about it. Liberals intend to use this tragedy for political gain," he said. "There is absolutely no connection between the nuts who did this and mainstream conservatism in America."

In a personal attack on Mr Clinton, Gene Burns, of KGO-AM in San Francisco and president of the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts, said his *membership* followed a strict code of personal *responsibility.*

Nevertheless, the President's words appeared to have struck a chord. Mr Limbaugh was accused by one caller of inciting the terrorist act. "Rush, you're their poster boy. You give them credence to go out and do what they do."

Fight over arms ban may shoot Republicans in foot

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

The Oklahoma City bombing has set the stage for a high-stakes battle in Congress next month over Republican plans to repeal last year's assault weapons ban.

Democrats and the gun control lobby have lost no time declaring *that* a repeal would be madness, given that *the bombers belonged to ex*tremist paramilitary groups *determined to stockpile such* deadly weapons in order to *resist the federal government.*

For the Republicans the *issue is not so simple.* Though the ban enjoys wide public support, most of the party's grassroots activists passionately oppose it.

Robert Dole, the Senate leader, finds himself in a particularly uncomfortable position. He needs the support of the National Rifle Association's 3.5 million members to win the Republican presidential nomination, and recently promised the group he would fight for the repeal of the ban.

Compounding Mr Dole's predicament, the association ran newspaper advertisements just before last week's bombing directly parroting the militias' claim that the Government was preparing forcefully to disarm its citizens in order to repress them.

Beneath a *picture of* two menacing, heavily-armed agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the advertisements accused the bureau of "stormtrooper tactics" and claimed its mission was "to make gun-ownership ... a suspicious act, and gun owners by class suspected criminals".

Dole: badly needs votes of gun lobby

Mr Dole and Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, have both indicated a determination to proceed with the repeal effort, arguing that it was a bomb not assault weapons that caused last week's tragedy, but the risk is considerable in the present climate.

"The American people would be outraged," said Dennis Henigan, general *counsel for the Handgun* Control pressure group. A repeal would be "disastrous public policy and a slap in the face to many grieving families in Oklahoma", the *Los Angeles Times* declared. The fallout from America's deadliest terrorist act may damage the Republican cause in other ways too. Just as the Democrats suffered from the actions of extreme left-wing black and anti-war groups in the 1960s, so the Republicans may be hurt by the way the militia movement has carried its *mainstream anti-government* message to violent extremes.

The government bureaucrats the Republicans have vilified over the past four months are the very people that perished in the bombing and are now seen as martyred public servants. The Republicans want to slash the federal government and return power to the states, yet no state could have mounted the past week's astonishing nationwide manhunt nor the impressive federal relief effort.

For President Clinton, who had been struggling to prove his relevance, the bombing has provided political salvation. A *USA Today* poll yesterday showed 84 per cent approval for his handling of the crisis. It is the first time since his party's defeat in November that his approval ratings have topped the 50 per cent mark. And for the first time in 11 months, the President's overall *favourable job* rating stood at 52 per cent. *Last* week, before the bombing, his rating was 46 per cent. Even Mr Dole acknowledged that the President had acted decisively and struck just the right tone of anger and determination.

President faces new 'job quota' dispute

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton was yesterday embroiled in a highly damaging dispute over his plans to appoint an inexperienced lawyer as Mississippi's first black US Attorney instead of a highly-qualified *white candidate recommended by the* Justice Department.

It is precisely this sort of reverse discrimination that has caused such a furious backlash among white Americans against government affirmative action programmes. Compounding the President's discomfort, even prominent blacks and Democrats in Mississippi oppose his choice of Buck Buchanan, arguing that Josh Bogen, the unsuccessful white candidate, has an exemplary record of defending blacks and protecting their civil rights.

The case was bought to national attention yesterday by *The New York Times, which reported that Mr Clinton* had rejected the Justice Department's choice of *Mr Bogen* because he had earlier appointed a white man as Mississippi's other US Attorney and was determined to have diversity. Mr Buchanan, 37, has spent just four years working for the present US Attorney, has handled few if any major cases, and did not seek the job. In contrast Mr Bogen is 50, has argued hundreds of cases before the state's highest courts and has represented more blacks than whites.

Johnnie Walls, the black chairman of *Mississippi's Democratic Party,* has written to Mr Clinton urging him to reconsider. Although in favour of affirmative action, he said: "I'm not in favour of putting a black person in a position just for black's sake. We have been injured by that sort of thing in the past. "Buck Buchanan will not give us the African-American presence that we need. He doesn't have the experience and he doesn't have the independence."

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Election defeat sours Italian alliance

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO BERLUSCONI'S leadership of the Italian Right was questioned by his allies yesterday as they reeled from defeat in regional elections.

His formerly faithful supporters in the "post-Fascist" National Alliance heaped scorn on the Freedom Alliance leader's over-confident campaign for Sunday's polls. Final results showed that the centre-left coalition had won control of nine out of 15 regional governments. The former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) was the largest party with 24.6 per cent of the vote compared to 22.4 per cent for Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia.

"Berlusconi can no longer be the image man of the alliance," Ignazio La Russa, the National Alliance chief whip, said. "National Alliance will have to have the same weight as Forza Italia."

Aides to Gianfranco Fini, the popular National Alliance leader, complained that Signor Berlusconi had used his television channels to steal the limelight. The National Alliance obtained 14 per cent of the vote.

Maurizio Gasparri, coordinator of the National Alliance campiagn, said Antonio Di Pietro, the magistrate who spearheaded the anti-corruption crackdown, should be recruited and hinted that he should replace Signor Berlusconi. "Novel elements are needed," he said. Giulio Maceratini, another senior aide of Signor Fini, commented: "Forza Italia is still only a television party."

In a fit of pique, Signor Berlusconi announced that he was not attending nationwide ceremonies yesterday to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation from Nazism and Fascism.

Poll rivals lay siege to Le Pen camp

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

Lionel Jospin shows the pressure as he wipes his brow during a campaign meeting of his Socialist party in Valence, southern France

FRANCE'S two presidential camps yesterday applied themselves to a delicate but vital task: wooing the 4.5 million voters who chose Jean-Marie Le Pen, the apostle of anti-foreigner nationalism and a man viewed by the mainstream as a ghost from a sinister past.

After scoring 15 per cent in Sunday's first round, M Le Pen is savouring his hour, toying with the nerves of the Socialists and especially the Gaullists while pundits lament the way he has "polluted the campaign".

Though M Le Pen, 66, is not to give a verdict until Monday on who he wants his supporters to vote for, there is no doubt that he is out to sink Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist and his bête-noire. As Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist ideologist, put it: "If there is any man in France who wants a third Socialist presidential term, it is Le Pen. His supporters are another matter."

Lionel Jospin, the Socialist who topped Sunday's contest with 23 per cent, needs to draw support from the Le Pen camp if he is to extend the overall left-wing vote from 40 to more than 50 per cent in the run-off on May 7. A tougher dilemma faces M Chirac, who was robbed of his invincible aura when he received only 20 per cent on Sunday. Flagging in momentum, he needs to lock in the bulk of the National Front voters without driving away the moderate conservatives who backed Edouard Balladur, his party rival.

M Jospin yesterday sought to sustain the momentum of his surprise score, hammering M Chirac as a right-wing wolf who had been rumbled in the guise of a left-wing sheep. "It is not by chance that the right-wing candidate has been forced to borrow our language and values and disguise his political message," he told supporters from the arts and the intellectual world.

Le Pen: determined to sink Chirac campaign

M Chirac was due to unveil his strategy for rallying the conservative field last night. The task is formidable as he must please the pro-European centre and the substantial anti-EU forces of the Right.

Supporters of M Balladur continued yesterday to flock to the man whom they had ridiculed as a demagogue. "There are no longer any Chiraquiens or Balladuriens," said François Baroin, M Chirac's spokesman. "There are just people who want to block the Socialist candidate."

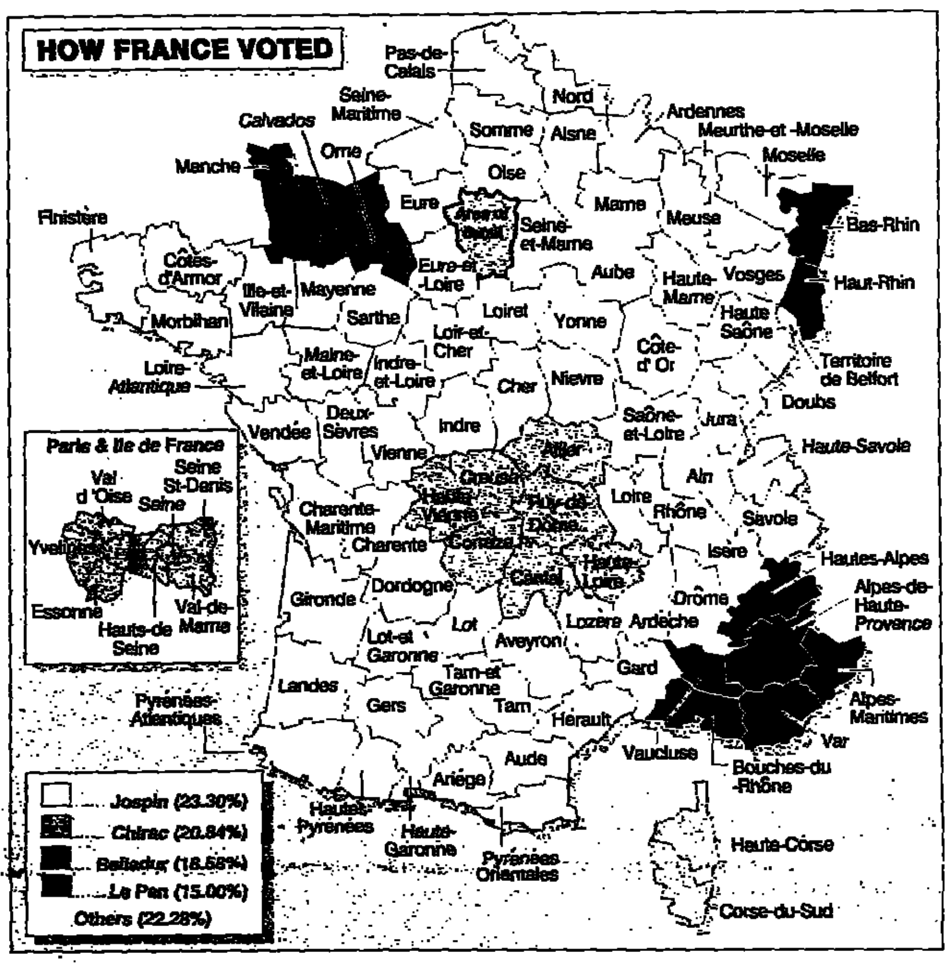
M Chirac invited his defeated opponent to a fence-mending lunch today. His supporters have begun their overtures to M Le Pen. Charles Pasqua, the pro-Balladur Interior Minister whose crackdown on immigration pleased the Right, said bluntly: "When Jean-Marie Le Pen scores 15 per cent, there is a political problem and it must be resolved." He suggested a concession to one of M Le Pen's chief demands, a dose of proportional representation in national voting.

M Pasqua, the Gaullist considered most in tune with M Le Pen's creed, was swiftly disowned yesterday by Alain Juppé, the pro-European Foreign Minister, and M Chirac's chief lieutenant. However, M Juppé was also careful to court far right voters, saying their concerns over crime and national identity were legitimate.

Both sides have adopted a similar approach, casting M Le Pen's supporters as mainly respectable people who are bewildered and disillusioned with mainstream politics. Le Pen voters are "men and women who should be with us", M Jospin said.

Jacques Delors, the Socialist figurehead who is campaigning for M Jospin, is preaching the same theme, arguing that the Left is the natural home for the underdogs of society.

Behind their thinking is the knowledge that a chunk of the Le Pen vote came from supporters of Bernard Tapie, the populist left-wing tycoon who has been banned from holding any office. Figures show 27 per cent of workers supported the far right leader who wants to deport three million immigrants. But he was also picked by 13 per cent of the professions, 14 per cent of company bosses and 12 per cent of mid-level executives.



WORLD SUMMARY

British embassy to open in Armenia

London: Britain has appointed its first Ambassador to the republic of Armenia, the Foreign Office announced yesterday (Michael Dynes writes).

David Miller, who takes up his post in July, is the first of three ambassadors to be appointed to republics in the former Soviet Union this year. Ambassadors to Georgia and Turkmenistan will be announced shortly.

The three new appointments will bring the number of British ambassadors in republics of the former Soviet Union to nine; the others are in Moscow, Kiev, Minsk, Tashkent, Alma Ata and Baku. Surrounded by Georgia, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Iran, Armenia became independent after the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991. The republic's most pressing political issue is the five-year war over Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian Christian enclave in Azerbaijan.

Rock art hunger strike begins

Lisbon: Archaeologists have begun a sit-in and hunger strike in front of the Jeronimos Monastery in Lisbon to protest at the threatened destruction of 20,000-year-old palaeolithic engravings by the national electricity company (Martha de la Cal writes). The protest was led by Mila Simoes de Abreu, a rock art specialist. Organisers said more than 3,000 people had signed up to take part in a continuous series of 24-hour hunger strikes.

Mahathir wins Malaysia poll

Kuala Lumpur: The National Front coalition led by Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister, won Malaysia's general election and was heading for a two-thirds majority in Parliament. Partial results gave the coalition of 14 ethnic parties a simple majority in the 192-member Parliament, after winning 97 of 114 seats declared. (AP)

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Sleek summer style from top to bottom

Think Fifties typing pool for cool, pared-down glamour — neat knitted top, pencil-slim skirt

Fashion

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Right at the start of the spring/summer collections last October in Milan, Gianni Versace set the tone. His show began with five models identically dressed in short-sleeved shirts worn with sleek, stretch, *pencil skirts*, the hemlines of which fell just below the knee. Coloured pale pink, lilac, soft turquoise blue, watery apple green, and sorbet yellow, the outfits provided the template for the coming season.

This pared-down, two-piece way to dress is new-look glamour. Understated and understyled, it combines the relaxed informality we have come to expect in the 1990s with a breezy, neat-fit silhouette straight from the 1950s.

Many of this summer's most stylish little knitted shirts evoke the sporty spirit of the *traditional polo shirt*. Lacoste and Ralph Lauren continue to offer versions, now updated with a cut which clings to the body. The American designer Mark Eisen and the British retail chain Miss Selfridge have both transformed the shirt into a little dress. However, it is the trim top which is making *fashion's pulse beat* faster. Kookai, CK Calvin Klein and French Connection have some of the best. Agnes B cut theirs in sparkly Lurex.

The look *is* unmistakably nostalgic, dubbed "secretary smart" by the fashion cognoscenti, who gaze backwards to some half-imagined, half-remembered *time when* secretaries worked in typing pools — and supposedly clicked their high heels with as much gusto as they hit their typewriter keys. *Fast-forwarded to* the present day, this slick image works just as well in the workplace as it does during the cocktail hour or on holiday. *Neat chic.*

"This look is simple and comfortable," Lisa Armstrong, associate editor at *Vogue*, says. "What's great about these little knitted *shirts* is that you have all the comfort of a knitted piece but they look quite *tailored — so you don't have to* wear a jacket to look smart."

Nothing could be easier. Which is why almost every designer and high street retailer is offering something along these lines for summer 1995, although, naturally, the fabrics and price tags vary.

For his own label Karl Lagerfeld features cropped shirts in flesh tones; for Chloe he teams pale sweaters with *satin slip skirts edged in black* lace. Gucci offers a round-necked, sleeveless sweater in bright red, teamed with striking floral print pencil skirts, as *well as the little knitted jacket* (practically a cardigan) with a three-quarter sleeve. This is a shape favoured by Ferragamo, Calvin Klein and Nicole Farhi, in barely-there shades.

There can be few labels as fashionable as Prada, whose *spare silhouette has been copied* the world over. Prada's summer uniform is a V-neck, short-sleeved sweater (sometimes button-through) belted *with a sliver of thin patent* leather and worn with a matching, knitted pencil skirt.

Ralph Lauren put pink short-sleeved sweaters (plus *matching cardigans*) with flirty satin skirts. Marks & Spencer, which always seems to provide the latest must-have looks at prudent prices, has *fluffy, sleeveless slipovers in* pale ice-cream shades.

Skirts should be pencil-thin, tracing the outline of the 1950s silhouette. Cut in the new *superstretch satins* and jerseys, they are certainly not as restricting as their predecessors. In cotton and linen, choose skirts with slits at the back to ease movement.

Keep accessories to a bare minimum. All you need is a *pair of nude tights* — Cosmetics for Legs from Sock Shop come in factor shades just like a suntan, and are undetectable to the eye — and a pair of high heels to clatter by the pool. Swimming, that is, not typing.

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● THOSE intending to buy and wear hats this season are invited to a customer evening held by the milliners Herbert Johnson and a team of hairstylists from Michaeljohn. Champagne will be flowing from 10am to 6pm on May 2 and 3 at Herbert Johnson, 30 New Bond Street, London W1.

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RIGHT: Blue marl cropped jumper, £57, John Smedley Harvey Nichols, SW1, Harrods, SW1; American Retro, 35 Old Compton St W1. White stretch pencil skirt, £45, Outset, 35 Brompton Rd, SW1 and branches nationwide. White patent belt, Otto Glanz department stores

FAR RIGHT: Cardigan, £109, skirt, £79: Nicole Farhi, 158 New Bond St, W1, 6 Market St, Manchester (0171-499 8368). Belt £19.50, Otto Glanz, as above.

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Fortysomething working women may grumble, but a cruise-taking, tennis-playing life of Riley is just around the corner

Come up refreshed after a mid-life dip

LIBBY PURVES

I PRESSED my nose wistfully to Sunday's list of the highest earning women in Britain. It was nice to see more businesswomen up there this year with the novelists and supermodels, even if you do suspect that the chairperson of Barbour (£2.1 million) is in some devilish, sisterly cahoots with Joanna Trollope (£630,000) to boost waxed-jacket sales by televising rural sagas.

Pleasing, too, to know that Barbara Cartland wipes the floor with Naomi Campbell, that the MD of the company that makes Fisherman's Friends is richer than Anita Roddick, and that shortbread manufacturing — done the right way — still brings in more than being a Celebrity Former Weathergirl or editing the *New Yorker*.

Alas, the fantasy was dissipated by yesterday's balder, crosser survey on working women. The magazine *Top Santé Health & Beauty* took 2,000 professional women, average age 39. A third want to give up work, 40 per cent fantasise about being "a lady of leisure", and over half "feel exhausted at least once a week". They spoke of depression and feeling put upon. "Worn down," said the headlines. "Women want out."

Of course, researchers have a lamentable habit of believing what we tell them (witness the panic over all those 22-year-olds saying they wouldn't have babies. We all said that, at 22). Here, I suspect that some of the 2,000 merely took it as a God-given opportunity for a safe grumble. Women, after all, are always having to tone down their disgust at life to reassure emotionally fragile men and children. "Mummy's fine, just lying on the floor for a minute... No, darling, I like working, wouldn't let you be the sole breadwinner even if you weren't on short-time. Anyway, I must be a proactive role model for little Germaine."

After a few days of such selfless half-truths, any Mummy would seize a chance to express, anonymously, her exhaustion, resentment and general desire to raise two fingers to the throat-lozenge business and loll around on a tiger-skin being fed grapes. *I bet men feel that way too, behind the mask.*

Especially — and this is the interesting bit — at the research's "average age 39". I have long suspected that there is a noticeable mid-life dip in almost everyone's vitality. As a young professional in your twenties you were resilient, confident and carefree. Then you discover that once you have children, not only have you more to do at home, but you grow timid about your job: you really dare not lose it now. So — if male — you put up with indignities and passings-over; if female, you rush back too soon after maternity leave and strain every sinew to pretend that you never think of home.

The State, for all its tedious bluster, does little to help families. Employers don't care. Childless friends find you boring. You work hard, try to be a good parent, and accept that you are an adult and must put away childish things, like fun. Once, in the early years of parenthood, I came upon an old diary, and realised with a shock that there was a time when I had nothing at all to do except earn a living and keep myself amused. It seemed inconceivable.

It is hard to see out of the dip. Beset by coughs and bad backs and all the small ailments of exhaustion, you accept it as the onset of old age. Like Judith in *Cold Comfort Farm* you regard yourself as "a used gourd... a rind... a husk" and resign yourself to struggling on to your children's maturity before you lie down in a ditch and die. Working mothers feel like this, and say so. Men do, too, but hide it under the desperate troopship *bonhomie* of the commuter train.

But, presto! Just over the forward edge of the dip you notice a lot of fit, handsome, laughing people well over 50, leading the life of Riley: filling the cruise-ships and tennis clubs, sailing the Atlantic, touching their toes with flat palms, writing bestsellers, making breakthroughs in their research, studying Zen, eating out. They look far younger than you feel. Hope stirs...

I once thought of doing a book in which fit, bouncing people in their third age reminisced incredulously about how tired they were at 43. You could market it as a tonic for the weary mid-lifers. I didn't do it because I was too tired, and feared it might not be true anyway. I would, however, gratefully accept testimonies from any vigorous old trouts of either sex who can confirm that my hunch is right: that they were once used gourds and husks, and that it does get better.

Ben Macintyre, in Oklahoma City, reports on the broken-Heartland of America

They were ordinary folk — they deserved to stay that way

WIN McNAMEE/REUTERS

A mother's despair — Edye Smith clutches a photograph of her two dead sons, aged two and three, at a prayer service

In an almost deserted restaurant a mile from the bombed-out Alfred Murrah Building in downtown Oklahoma City, Dan, a federal narcotics agent, very drunk, demands a toast to his friend and colleague, who died in the explosion. Dan would (he says "should") have shared the same fate, but by chance he was teaching a training course in another building when the bomb went off.

We raise glasses of "Hot Damn", a powerful local cinnamon concoction offered by Dan with insistence. "This is for my buddy, a US customs officer. He isn't with us anymore."

Throughout Oklahoma City, people are burying their dead, and trying to cope with the events of the last week in confusion, sorrow, guilt and anger. After he has wiped his eyes, Dan's fury is uppermost. He pulls out the gun he is licensed to carry and says he would kill the alleged bomber Timothy McVeigh himself if he ever saw him in open court.

Oklahoma, the broken-Heartland of America, never expected or wanted to be the focus of a horrified world. As the disbelieving terror in the aftermath of the bombing subsides into stricken realism, that single act of devastating violence has fractured into a series of individual human tales — many tragic, some heroic, and a few despicable.

O.E. Gandy, a landlord from the town of Guthrie, near Oklahoma City, may not know it, but he has become a key factor in this city's struggle to come to terms with the bombing. Last week Mr Gandy said he planned to evict a family of six children, aged between seven and 22 years old, even though they had been orphaned by the blast. Timothy McVeigh may be the most hated man in America, but Mr Gandy is running a close second, an ogre closer to home and, unlike terrorism, a problem with an easy solution.

Mr Gandy, who insists he is owed $1,500 (£1,000) in back rent, is implacable in his determination to throw the children of the Luster family out of their dilapidated single-storey house next Friday, claiming he has "bent over backwards to help these people".

Robert and Donna Luster were in the social security office of the federal building when the bomb exploded. They were there to beg for a full disability pension for Mr Luster, who lost his job after a heart attack in 1992. They are believed to be among the scores of people still missing and, despite the rigid optimism of rescue workers, now presumed dead.

"When it says in the paper they died, I'll give 'em a little [illegible]," Mr Gandy told a local newspaper, while still insisting "they gotta be gone. If not, I'll spend $40 and get the sheriff to set 'em out."

According to the Red Cross, the public response to the predicament of the Luster children has been "overwhelming". From across America, the money has poured in, along with offers of free accommodation and threats to Mr Gandy, who has now disappeared.

If the "evil landlord" has become a convenient focus for this city's rage, then the fate of Rebecca Anderson has provided a contrasting image of selfless sacrifice. Mrs Anderson, a [illegible]-year-old registered nurse who had rushed to the bomb-blasted building to tend to the victims, died on Sunday after apparently suffering a head wound from falling concrete inside the staggering structure. Within hours of her death, Mrs Anderson's heart was transplanted into an Oklahoma man, William Wilcoxson, who had been flown to the city from Louisiana by army jet for the operation. Mr Wilcoxson, 55, was described as "stable" in Oklahoma City's University Hospital yesterday.

Even the rescue dogs are having to be treated for depression

Other, less dramatic acts of heroism and charity reflect the slow and agonising process as this city tries to rebuild its faith in human nature: the medics and firemen who still scrabble for life in the ruins; the ice-cream manufacturer who offered an endless supply of his product to the city's hospitals; the florist who provided a rose for every one of the estimated 12,000 people at last Sunday's memorial service for the victims; the local funeral parlours donating free children's coffins; the pet food manufacturer who supplied high-protein dog food for the exhausted police dogs combing the wreckage.

Orphaned: Robbie Luster and his wife face eviction

Among the multiple dead, there are many whose terrible fates have already become woven into the city's desperate symbolism: the Marine recruiter who perished still sitting at a desk in his office in the shattered building; Rick Tomlin, a civil servant who was talking to his wife on the telephone when the blast struck, and who had joked that he "must be somebody" because he had been given an office with a window; Baylee Almon, one year and one day old, seen by millions worldwide as she was carried away in the arms of a distraught firefighter who came to her funeral on Monday.

The miraculous escapes perhaps help a little: Joe Chicoraske, a single parent, who just happened to be getting a file from another office when his own was utterly destroyed; another man who had walked into the lift at 9.04am on April 19, plummeted seven floors, and then emerged, bruised but alive, at the bottom.

It is hard to imagine a place more emotionally and psychologically unprepared for such devastation than Oklahoma City. "Nothing happens here, certainly not this," remarked a checkout girl in the hotel gift shop. Oklahomans were proud of being just regular folks. Here, humdrum was a virtue.

The raw bafflement is visible on the faces of the people who come, every day, to stand by the yellow tape that cordons off the eviscerated building. They bring doughnuts and back braces, blankets and cash.

Last week an Oklahoma City television station set up a site for donations on the outskirts of the city, and the locals dug into pockets that are far from deep. A two-mile queue of cars formed immediately and motorists, their headlights blazing in memory of the victims, tossed notes and coins into large bins as they drove by. In just a few hours, the station had collected $150,000.

Oklahomans, rightly, have praised themselves and been praised by others for their courageous response to the tragedy, yet this is plainly a city in the grip of a nervous breakdown.

The strain is telling not just on the citizens, but also on exhausted rescue workers and medical personnel. Even the rescue dogs have become depressed as the fruitless search for survivors continues.

At the end of each day their handlers fake rescues, by placing live people in corners of the building, so the dogs can "find" them and keep up their spirits.

Psychiatric helplines and bereavement centres have been set up by local authorities, and even members of the media have been offered stress counselling, but the once-perky local television networks have now all but run out of comforting words: between news bulletins, many local stations now broadcast computer-enhanced photographs of the explosion and images of destruction, death and bravery, over mournful music.

The Oklahoma bombing has become a grim drama in retrospect, performed by a cast of characters — the good, the bad and the dead — who expected to remain just ordinary folks, and deserved to.

The Jackie obsession

Kate Muir reports on a Yale professor's heroine-worship

What does a professor of English literature at Yale have in common with millions of polyester-clad ladies in Middle America with biscuit-tins full of magazine clippings? Answer: an enduring obsession with Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Rather than sitting at home alone with his biscuit tin, however, Professor Wayne Koestenbaum has confronted his preoccupation head-on, taken a firm academic grip on the subject of Jackie-as-icon, and produced a fine book, *Jackie Under my Skin*. This is no trivial analysis — his book is published by the intellectual house of Farrar, Straus and Giroux on the first anniversary of Jackie's death, May 19.

Mr Koestenbaum points out that Jackie's image was projected so large and often on the public consciousness that "even when she was alive she seemed more mythic than real". The Jackie he both worships and dissects is not real either — she is a cipher, a public persona, an image. Her preference for privacy, her shunning of interviews, combined with her glamorous appearance, made her the perfect blank slate for fantasy. She was somehow pure. "What a safe celebrity to contemplate!" exults Koestenbaum.

Yet it was Jackie's journey from the sacred to the profane, from grieving widow to wife of millionaire shipping magnate, that also fascinated us. Mr Koestenbaum mourns the loss not of Jacqueline Kennedy, but "the Jackie O whose spirit I adored — a pleasure principle; a woman who migrated from sanctity to scandal, and who demonstrated the secrets of extravagant living".

All the more curious, then, that she returned, and was returned by the media, to the original Mrs Kennedy with her death. She was, after all, buried beside the philandering JFK at Arlington Cemetery, despite having gone by the name of Mrs Onassis for more than 20 years.

There was a certain "vampish cosmopolitanism" about her that a 36-year-old man who teaches a course on the major British poets from Chaucer to Eliot found attractive. Of her signature sunglasses, he says: "Few could get away with sunglasses so grand, and to wear such an attention-getting accessory under the guise of wishing to deflect notice seemed disingenuous, or foxily paradoxical."

Of her bouffant hairdos, he notes: "Hair of a certain massiveness is not feminine: It is a bulbously defensive armament." Because Jackie rarely spoke, her hairdo served as ego.

Such thoughts did not occur to Koestenbaum when he started writing the book, long before Jackie was known to have cancer. Somehow he dared not be so intimate or irreverent. But after he stood for hours in the crowd outside the church during her funeral, her death eventually liberated his ideas: "I totally let go. I didn't feel the freedom until I was referring to a person who was no longer real."

For gay men, Jackie (only the first name is necessary) has always been a great diva to worship. In Koestenbaum's diva ratings, Jackie is right up there with Elizabeth Taylor, and trailing behind in his "personal pantheon" are Judy Garland, Madonna, Barbra Streisand and Eartha Kitt. He has written an acclaimed book of poems about his obsession with the opera singer Anna Moffo, and a prizewinning book on opera and homosexuality.

Jackie: academic subject

So has Professor Koestenbaum ever dressed-up as Jackie? "No. I don't make a good drag queen, but I certainly have certain men's clothes, a shiny black jacket for instance, which I think of as my Jackie outfits. They have a private significance."

It turns out that Koestenbaum actually saw Jackie four times. His last sighting was at a book party in 1993, when she must already have known she had cancer.

In all, this is a work, and a man, of great eccentricity. As a recent review puts it: "Koestenbaum... makes connections so personal that they provoke nothing more than wonder that an associate professor at Yale has so much time on his hands."

- Jackie Under My Skin *will be published by Fourth Estate later this year.*

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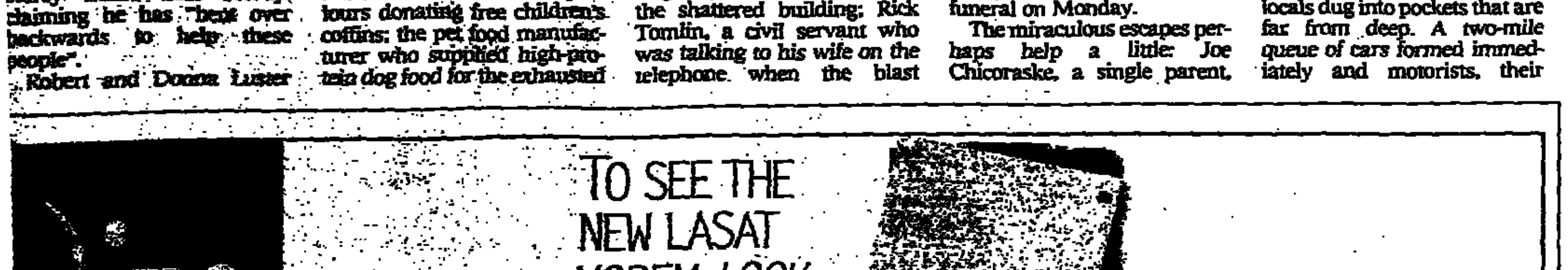

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Now Dublin is blocking peace talks

Paul Bew says it is no longer the Unionists who are stalling progress

The announcement of the *first meeting between a* British minister and the Irish republican leadership *since 1972 has to be a symbolic* moment in the Ulster peace process. But its significance has been much reduced by the recent publication of the Anglo-Irish "framework document", which set out the broad parameters and even the fine *detail of any possible future* alternative to the status quo.

In the 1970s, contacts between the British Government and the IRA took place at a *time when government policy* was exceptionally fluid — even flaky in Harold Wilson's case. The Irish Government was then a marginal player, whereas today *it is* centre-stage, and, contrary to popular belief, requires that the British *should not withdraw* in the foreseeable future.

The important change to note here is the triumph of a new revisionist republican *rhetoric, dispiriting traditionalist* purists, such as Bernadette McAliskey (*née* Devlin). This *new republican rhetoric* makes much of ministers' *claims of Britain's* strategic and economic neutrality, which have flowed thick and *fast in the 1990s. Yet these are* hardly so novel, even if at times Sir Patrick Mayhew appears to be un*comfortable with* them. In 1949, when the recent strategic *lessons of the world* war would have dictated a different conclusion, Westminster based the *Union solely on the wishes of* the Northern Irish electorate. It is the case that some senior *officials did believe then that* Britain had a selfish strategic interest in Ireland — today none does. To that significant extent, because it has impor*tant implications for the* culture of Whitehall, the Ulster Unionist position has been *weakened by the new British* formula on neutrality.

Unionists will be angry, but not obstinate

Undoubtedly, many Unionists will be angered by the meeting: in particular, they will feel the Government *has* softened its stand on decommissioning of terrorist arms, *in order to ease the path of the* Sinn Fein leadership. But it should not be assumed that mainstream Unionists will attempt to block Sinn Fein's full and substantive participation in democratic politics, eventually — *but only if the threat of violence is removed.*

In his impressive Irish Association speech in Dublin, John Taylor, who is MP for Strangford and was himself the victim of an *IRA assassination* attempt, said: "Having been on the receiving end of the IRA *campaign, I know this will still* be a 'bitter pill' for Unionists to swallow, but [Sinn Fein's] effectiveness and ingenuity can not be denied. Time is a great healer though."

In the past two months, the British Government's rhetoric *has* undergone a dramatic change. Michael Ancram, who will be leading the negotiations for the government with Sinn Fein, now describes the Anglo-Irish proposals for harmonising cross-border *institutions as "not wide swathes* but specific areas", which are entirely subject to the "agree*ment of the parties*". *In* significant measure this was what was always intended, but at the time of the original *Times* leak, the project was indisputably more grandiose. Now, Mr Ancram's watchwords are "carefully defined" and "clearly limited". *He also offers the* rather testing criterion (given the high level of government expenditure in the North) that any co-operation must "pro*duce better results for the* people of Northern Ireland than doing it unilaterally" — whereas before, Unionist opposition to purely "Green" *proposals for change could* have been discounted.

The republican leadership *seems determined to stand on* this rather prosaically defined terrain, giving a *rather nostalgic retrospective,* 1980s feel to the world evoked in Kevin *Toolis's interesting book about* the IRA, *Rebel Hearts.*

It is, however, clear that all is not well on another decisive front: the dropping of the Irish territorial claim. *Public* comments by the Irish Government display an increasing and telling *unease on this* topic. Last July, Sir Patrick Mayhew said: "What Unionists are looking for *in order to gain* more confidence is an abandonment of the territorial claim to the North expressed in terms that don't need a constitutional law*yer to tease out the meaning* and intent." John Major took a similar line, but in the end, the *whole matter was fudged.*

The *Irish Government did* move significantly by offering to incorpo*rate the principle of northern* consent into the Irish constitution, but it refused to drop the words "the national territory consists of the whole island of *Ireland" — on which a unanimous* Irish Supreme Court had founded the "territorial claim" *as recently as* March 1990. The *quid pro quo* for Unionist participation in North-South institutions has thus been diluted, and the whole *matter is up in the air.*

Yet a significant and much needed modernisation of Ulster *Unionist politics may be* possible in the next few months — if it is not hampered by further similar inter-governmental crassness. James *Molyneaux is right to insist* that the Ulster Unionists have continued to perform solidly in council by-elections since the *Times* leak — but the question marks against his leadership are unlikely to go away.

John Taylor's impressive and broadminded *speeches in* the Irish Republic were acts of political courage from an unexpected *source*. The question is whether his Unionist colleagues are also willing to fight their corner while appearing reasonable even to *their opponents.*

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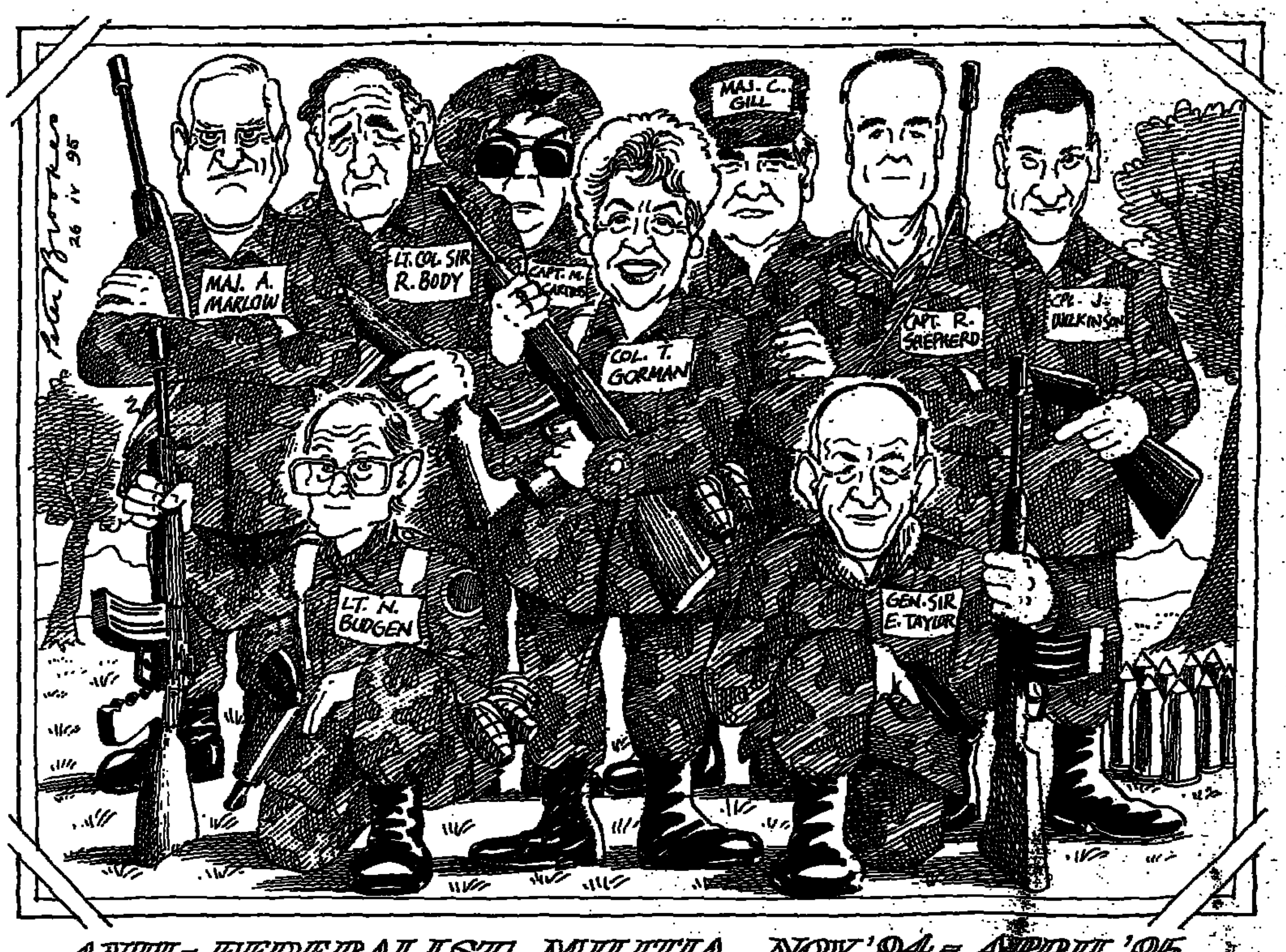

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For weddings and divorces

Yes, divorce should be made easier — but marrying should be made harder

Simon Jenkins

Tomorrow the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will announce his changes to the law on divorce. They are sensational, and they are sensible. Lord Mackay wishes to make the law blind to marital fault. If *a marriage has broken down, judges* must recognise the fact and be concerned solely with practicalities. There will be *no more five-year waits* for automatic divorce, two-year waits for "no-fault" divorce or "quickies" provided a partner can prove adultery, desertion or "unreasonable be*haviour". A British divorce will take* one year. That is the time judged necessary to arrange so momentous a break and clear up the mess.

The response will be much flapping of mitres and surplices, of wigs and gowns, of tweeds and pearls. Who is this Scots Presbyterian, the conservatives *will cry, to come down* from the north and tell us how to re-order the solemn bond of marriage? *How dare he tear down the last* defence of holy matrimony, the public damnation of the *adulterer* and the courtroom shaming of the deserter and the violent spouse? The propo*sals are a cad's charter, the critics will* say. British divorce is running at twice the European rate. Lord Mackay *is stripping* law of all *morality.* He is withdrawing the State from family sponsorship. One in three marriages already ends in divorce: now the rate will soar. And this from *the party* of "back to basics".

I find few sights so cheering as the Dark Ages fleeing before the forces of *enlightenment.* Lord Mackay has pondered for two years, consulted and decided. He can see the truth: that Britain's divorce laws are cruel and costly. They are cruel because *they insist either on an unreasonable* delay or, to avoid this, on proving one or other party to be at fault. Such *proof can be acrimonious and traumatic* to the parties and their children. Yet because it is the only way of shortening the delay, it is used in 75 per cent of divorce settlements. Coup*les are marched into legally fortified* camps. Adversarial court procedure leaves no scope for mediation, and *pre-empts a concern for future sharing* of income and access to children.

Lord Mackay wants to stop this dead. Those who want to use a court can do so, but he will set up a media*tion service to avoid couples having to* do so. Both will take a year. The pur*pose is not to prolong the agony of a* failed marriage, but to ensure that a legal procedure is handled with least *hurt. That is the extent of the State's* obligation. It should not make a traumatic event more traumatic or a costly one more costly. It should not use a chainsaw where a scalpel will *do. If a year's delay leads to* reconciliation, so much the better. But that is not the State's business. To *some of Lord Mackay's critics, the* harshness of divorce litigation is meant to be a deterrent, indeed a form of retributive punishment. If a marriage has broken down somebody must be "in the wrong". He or she must be taken to court and blamed. *Miseries* and mistakes must be exposed and sub*jected to the foul* fiends of due process. In America, lawyers have turned divorce into public pornography, much to the delight of the newspapers and the movie industry. Psychologists talk of the courtroom ritual being necessary *to expiate the marriage failure, a sort* of marital gibbet on which every past error can be left swinging a while, before being laid to rest. Besides, say the critics, in many divorces there is a wronged party. Why should they not have justice? "I will have my bond."

We know that children are dam*aged by divorce. We also know they* are damaged by violent and incompatible marriages. We cannot possibly balance *these accidents of infant* life against those of adult misery in some great felicific calculus. Besides, who is this "we" that claims such omniscience and omnipotence?

I maintain that on balance easier divorce increases the sum both of human freedom and of human happiness. *Humans do not* wilfully seek misery for themselves or their offspring — and if they do, laws are unlikely to stop them. For centuries the Church made divorce expensive and *the State made it difficult.* Both had no time for Milton's plea for the end *of love, for* "unmeetness", rather than adultery to be the grounds for divorce, or for Shelley's claim that marriage "is *naturally dissolved when its* evils are greater than its benefits". Because adultery is a fact, and misery a state of mind, and because the law loves facts, "fault" has lingered on in *modern divorce law.*

The surge in divorce that follows each liberalisation is not a sign of decadence. It *means* that more people can afford to break out of the misery of a failed union. Britain's "deplorable" divorce figures, pored over by social scientists and Tory MPs alike, are nothing of the sort. Nor should any further surge that follows the Mackay reforms be seen that way. More widespread divorce is a *sign that recognising* marital collapse in Britain has become less classbound and expensive. I cannot believe that British marriages are less *happy* or *more* reckless than those in, for instance, Latin countries. Nor do I believe *British parents* are *more callous* towards their children.

It is for individuals, not the *State,* to balance these human gains and losses. For millions, divorce is not just a moment of sadness and regret, but a moment of rebirth, a *resumption of the quest for* a *better* life. Liberalisation shows a community robust enough not to impede that *quest. The legal stigma on divorce* is a hangover of tribal primitivism. (What the Church of England says on the *matter* is not my business.)

The Mackay proposals are a rare example of government humility. They accept that ministers cannot legislate to make people happy, only *to keep them unhappy. They cannot* nationalise the family. The new mediation service is meant to be friendly, to encourage the separating parties to settle issues of income, property and *children* without an adversarial process. Mediation would not be compulsory and is only concerned with *"getting couples back together"* if that is what they want. The reform is meant to ensure that the parties know what they are about, understand the pains and pitfalls and reach agreement *on their lives apart* and those of any children. Lord Mackay said in 1993 that couples *should "take personal responsibility* for what has happened to their marriage and for the consequences of breaking it". Removing the concept of fault and ensuring time for reflection *and planning must* reduce cost and bitterness. It must be a step forward from institutionalised acrimony.

I doubt if *all* this will *end* the stigma. Many married people regard *easier divorce as a threat.* It disturbs their peace of mind. It is the unthinkable come to haunt their dreams and *feed their inner doubts. Easier* divorce is the crumbling of a distant dyke, bringing nearer some feared deluge. They portray it as selfish, hedonistic, an easy way out. Hence the outcry that greets each year's divorce figures, second only to the hysteria that surrounds those on *crime. Yet there is little evidence that* the public as a whole shares this view. A MORI poll five years ago put divorce at the bottom of a long list of "morally wrong" actions, far below *homosexuality, illegitimacy,* cohabitation and euthanasia. A similar poll for the Lord Chancellor's Depart*ment indicates wide support for no-*fault divorce.

There is one other way to get tough on divorce, but even Lord Mackay would find it too radical. If the law now considers a marriage so important that it should take a year to dismantle, why should it not take a *year to construct? I have no doubt the* principal reason for divorce is thoughtless, over-hasty marriage. If *there is to be a statutory* "period of reflection" before a divorce is granted, why not a similar period before granting a marriage licence? Twelve months between first signing the registry and final "man-and-wife" nuptials would, I am sure, save a mountain of misery. Yet the Church *of England, which still opposes* divorce, requires just three weeks of banns. If some people were more concerned to forestall inappropriate weddings, they would have less need *to stigmatise* the resulting divorces.

Alan Coren

Now another lot are trying to put me off my food

In *a moment,* we shall attempt to consider the freshness of barns. But before *that, let us* take a little trip back to July 1974, and to a house in Gloucester Crescent, NW1, then *as now the* epicentre of ideological rectitude for those in a position to afford it, where a face not entirely dissimilar from the one above this paragraph is framed in the open sash of an elegant Regency window.

Its only dissimilarity, give or *take the odd footmark* testifying to 20 years of passing crows, is that the mouth is not grinning. Indeed, it scarce resembles a mouth at all. It is more like the backside of a cat. *It is as* pursed as a mouth can get, and it does not know what to do with the *contents pursing it. It would spit* them through the open sash, but there are hydrangeas out there, and if my host awoke next morning to find them shrivelled, *he might recall my standing by* the window. So, at last, I swallow. I *shall* not describe the next few seconds, other than to observe that those who think retsina is something boxers wipe their feet in may not be wrong.

For this was a party thrown to *celebrate the fact that* the Greek junta had just been given the elbow, to the boundless delight of what later came to be called the chattering classes, who had not permitted themselves to drink anything Greek since 1967. I, who had never drunk anything Greek at *all, could only wonder,* as my entrails puckered, how great a sacrifice to democracy *theirs might have been.*

Sardines, though, were a different kettle of fish. There is nothing like a Portuguese sardine, but who could eat them *while their country toiled* beneath the fascist yoke? That is why April 25, 1974, was such a big day for us anti-fascists: *with* the fall of Caetano, what a joy it now was to wake up peckish at 3am! Not, mind, if you fancied a South African grapefruit, or a *goblet of Spanish sherry,* for these delights were yet to be, along with countless other foodstuffs from benighted nations whose cellars then teemed with jackbooted *apparatchiks oiling* pliers.

Nor, given the volatility of politics, was spotting these always easy. It didn't take much to put a *Guardian* subscriber off his *tucker,* and even if you were planning only an informal little supper you would be wise to *read the paper's every word* before going into Sainsbury's to spend an hour scrutinising labels for countries of origin, since a shift to the right in, say, some *Danish* by-election could, if you had not noticed it, mean a nice bit of boiled gammon ending up all over the *dinette* wall.

But then, *suddenly,* everything was all right. All the regimes which stood between liberals and a great night out had fallen, you could guzzle anything from anywhere to your conscience's content, and the anxious *host* no longer needed to be on the *qui vive* for every political tremor.

This golden era *lasted for* about ten minutes: for the thing with ethics is that they abhor a vacuum, and that is why we must now address the freshness of barns. *I* refer of course to Monday's Co-op report which declared that 60 per cent of *shoppers were concerned about* "ethically unsound food". The capacity, furthermore, of this unsoundness appears illimitable: it is, it seems, not enough to be *told that* a free-range egg is "barn-fresh", it is also essential to know how fresh the barn itself was. (I can only *pray that caring* readers will forgive me if I admit that upon reaching this point in the Co-op *narrative,* I found myself wool-gathering a movie entitled *Barn Fresh,* in which Elsa the Chicken, having been raised by Joy Adamson from an egg, *is at last,* to heart-wrenching musical accompaniment, returned to the wild, to lay eggs of *her own).*

This ethical commitment does not of course stop at chickens: the upbringing of anything edible must apparently conform to the exacting standards of that majority of the populace who need to know their dinner was living the life of Riley up until the moment they sank their teeth into it. It will thus not be possible for the rest of us to invite anyone over ever again. Forgive me, but, asked whether a sardine went into its tin *to serve the interests of a repressive* regime, I can offer a pretty confident answer. Asked, however, *whether it was happy to do* so, I fear I shouldn't have the faintest idea where to begin.

Pooh Corner

A STATUE guaranteed to bring a nostalgic tear to the eye of many a middle-aged child is to be erected at London Zoo. It will depict Winnie, the *regimental mascot* posted at the zoo in 1914, which inspired A.A. Milne to write his *children's stories about* a *bear of* very little brain.

The real-life bear belonged to *Canadian troops stationed in* Britain before the First World War. When they were relocated to the *Continent,* the bear was given to the zoo. Milne was a frequent visitor to Regent's Park after the war, and he used to take his son, Christopher Robin, to feed Winnie.

Christopher Robin Milne, now 75, *remembers* Winnie with affection — even though he has always struggled to rid himself of the legacy of *his* fictionalised childhood. But honey does not appear to have been Winnie's staple diet. "I *used to be allowed* into the compound with the keeper," he says. "Winnie was about my height — I *must have been five or six* — and I would take him a tin of something. Condensed milk rather than honey. *I'm not sure that he performed* any tricks, but at least he never bit me."

A *spokeswoman* for London Zoo confirmed that Britain's first statue of Winnie-the-Pooh will be erected in June. "They have made one for Winnipeg and the Canadians are donating a replica to Britain. It will be put up in the children's zoo."

Pooh: remembered at last

Wish granted

HUGH GRANT said recently that his unfulfilled ambition was to play football on the turf of Fulham Football Club's Craven Cottage, where he has been a supporter man and boy. Now his chance has come. The club has invited him to play in a game next month to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its last FA Cup Final appearance — against West Ham.

Grant will be tempted. He is so devoted to Fulham that he even chose as one of his *Desert Island Discs* an appalling song recorded by the team *to commemorate the* event, *Y Viva El Fulham.* But his celebrity team would be only the warm-up act for the real thing. Fulham has recalled all members of both 1975 teams, as well as the referee, for a replay. The only absentee will be the late Bobby Moore, who was playing for Fulham. They lost 2-0.

● *Such is his stature in the social firmament that I managed inadvertently to confer a knighthood on the astronomer Patrick Moore the other day. The master of the night sky asks me to point out that he is still a plain mister. Not for long though, surely.*

Don't dig

IT WAS ONLY recently that Lord Romsey's neighbours were objecting to his plans to build a superstore on part of the Broadlands estate in Hampshire, where he lives. Now there are complaints about proposals to extract gravel.

A site of nearly 200 acres on the estate has been earmarked for gravel-extraction by Hampshire County Council, and Lord Romsey has apparently given the scheme the nod. But the peer's local councillors at Test Valley are appalled on environmental grounds.

"It will be disastrous," storms *Romsey councillor Doris Bounding* in the local newspaper. "We all feel very strongly about it." Andover *councillor Garry Rankin-Moore* is preparing to fight. "We should stick to our guns and say no."

Romsey himself is sensibly keeping his head down.

THE TIMES DIARY

● *The latest joke doing the rounds in banking circles concerns the Bruce Grobbelaar goalkeeper account: the less you save, the more you earn.*

Lord's claws

HOSTILITY to dumping Labour's Clause Four has emerged from a surprising quarter — the House of Lords. At a recent meeting of Labour peers, a stalwart group of unrepentant Socialists staunchly protested at Tony Blair's new Labour doctrine.

"As far as I am concerned the retention of Clause Four is essential in order to maintain a belief in socialism and public ownership," puffs the veteran peer from Liverpool, Lord Sefton, who alarmed party chiefs by expounding his views at the meeting.

As quick as a coyote, Labour's deputy leader in the Lords, Lord *McIntosh, moved that the peers* should not vote at all on the issue.

Big deal

THE WORLD'S first Gaelic McDonald's, where menus and signs will be *in both English and the* ancient Celtic language, has been given planning permission in the Western Highlands.

Such unpronounceable delicacies as Mac Mor agus slisneagan (Big Mac and fries) will be available at a 46-seater "drive-thru" restaurant planned for Fort William. The £750,000 project at the An Aird retail estate has been allowed on condition that high-quality *materials* and a more attractive design than usual are used to blend with other developments. Fort William will be among the smallest towns in Britain to have a *McDonald's. But then it is* in the heartland of the Clan MacDonald.

"Has that wretched cat been at your scratchcard again?"

Spare horns

THE CUMBERSOME *rhinoceros* costume in which Viscountess Linley's brother Will Stanhope struggled to the *top of East Africa's* Mount Kilimanjaro on behalf of the charity Save the Rhino was auctioned at a party on Monday night for £1,000.

But this is by no means the last of the *rhino suit's peripatetic* adventures. "In 1997 we hope to walk, wearing one of the costumes, from Bombay to the top of *Mount* Everest," says Dave Stirling, a founding director of the charity. "I am consulting mountaineers on the feasibility factor."

Nothing is being left to chance — there are 19 more of the 30lb costumes, designed by Gerald Scarfe, hidden away for future stunts.

P·H·S

SHIP ADRIFT

The rebels rebel; the crew grumbles; all quiet on deck

Rarely have Tory MPs faced such hostility on the doorstep as they did last weekend, canvassing for the local elections. Yesterday's exchanges between John Major and Tony Blair in the House of Commons, entertaining though they were, must have seemed more than usually unreal. The words that really counted for something still came from the mouths of local Tory activists who, disowning the party they have served for so long, have decided to stand next month as Independents. The thoughts that remained fast in MPs' minds were of how they might defend the Government's record to their constituency associations on their next visit — after the expected rout on May 4.

Some MPs hope that the rout can be presented as just the normal sort of rout that happens to Governments at this stage in the electoral cycle. Central Office has already played its favourite game of lowering expectations, so that a dismal result can be portrayed as a victory. Not so long ago, the loss of 1,000 seats was the benchmark for disaster. Steadily that figure has crept up towards 2,000. Party officials may still have the nerve to claim on May 5 that a 1,500 seat loss is "better than expected".

A few people may be taken in by this; Tory local activists will not be. They will know that their base in local government, the reason that many of them are Tories at all, has disappeared. Tory councillors who have done a good job locally will be unseated through no fault of their own. Bitterness and resentment are bound to ensue.

Tory activists have loyalty to their leader in their blood: but their dissatisfaction will pass to their Westminster representatives. And in response, what will MPs say that the Government is doing? The all too obvious answer is virtually nothing. Mr Major, the captain of this troubled Tory ship, may get sympathy for encountering choppy waters: there will be none for his turning off the engine. On the issues that motivate most of his party, Mr Major has decided to drift.

News this year about the Government has been either about division or inaction. The Cabinet, we are told, has decided either not to sell off the Post Office or not to express a view on identity cards. Ministers, it is said, are forever coming up with ideas: but they are all deemed too risky to enact. This caution stems partly from the Government's small majority. But it is exacerbated by the way in which decisions are taken. When ministers disagree over a matter of policy an ad hoc committee is set up, usually chaired by the Leader of the House, Tony Newton, a man for whom a policy vacuum is a home from home.

Ships that turn off their engines in choppy seas tend to get buffeted by waves. That is what has happened to the Government in the approach to the local elections. Tony Blair's performance at Prime Minister's question time yesterday was just one particularly large and destructive wave. The traditional advantage of being in office is that it is possible to do things to make the governing party more attractive to supporters. Mr Major has turned his back on that truth. Norman Lamont's parting phrase about a Government "in office but not in power" would have been no less apposite yesterday.

Down in the Tory engine room there are a few signs of future activity. In the months since Norman Blackwell took over the Downing Street Policy Unit, groups of ministers, backbenchers and outsiders have started meeting to develop ideas for the next manifesto. The discipline of relating possible new policies to Conservative themes seems to have made ministers think politically, instead of just administratively, about what they want to do in their departments. But future confidence requires present action: the groups need to produce ideas which the Government can use between now and the election. Meanwhile the rebels rebel, the crew is still grumbling and the captain hopes for the best.

THE PIKE IN THE THATCH

Time for a symbolic act of good faith by Sinn Fein

For the republican movement in Northern Ireland, the Government's promise of talks between Sinn Fein and a minister is heavy with symbolism. For the movement's leadership, the long-awaited handshake with a minister of the Crown has acquired an almost mystical significance. It represents more than a strategic victory, although it is undoubtedly that. To republicans, it also marks the hard-won recognition that Sinn Fein is an electoral force, worthy of "parity of esteem" with other parties.

For many Ulstermen and mainland Britons, however, the meeting will have very different connotations. The delegation which is expected to meet Michael Ancram may include three people convicted of IRA offences. It is likely to be headed by Martin McGuinness, a senior member of Sinn Fein who was jailed in the South in 1973 for his IRA membership. At the time, he said he was "very, very proud" of his association with that murderous organisation. The achievements of the peace process are already great. The paramilitary ceasefires continue and are a daily blessing to the people of the Province. But many will still find it difficult to accept that a minister of Her Majesty's Government should deal in person with such people.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, must not discount the force of this moral recoil. It is not enough to emphasise the distinction between exploratory talks and full negotiations, a distinction which will surely be blurred as the talks continue. The most important service Sir Patrick can perform for those concerned by Sinn Fein's latest publicity coup is to press for immediate progress on the decommissioning of IRA weapons. This is a more subtle matter than some Unionists suggest. It is clear that no lasting settlement is possible until the republican movement hands over the bulk of its weapons, especially the Semtex explosive which has been the basis of its ruthless campaign of terror.

Less clear is how this process can best be undertaken. A major part of the Provisionals' early activities was the acquisition of weapons to defend Catholic areas against loyalist aggression. Republicans have never willingly handed over weapons; always keep a "pike in the thatch" runs the saying. For an organisation whose core identity depends on its possession of arms, to hand them over requires a transformation of its culture and assumptions.

Last month Sir Patrick set out a sensible three-point plan to bring about this momentous change. First, it was necessary to establish Sinn Fein's predisposition to begin the process. Secondly, the practical means by which decommissioning might be carried out should be discussed. Thirdly, some arms needed to be decommissioned as "a tangible confidence-building measure to signal the start of the process". This would show good faith, as well as illustrating how more comprehensive disarmament might proceed in future.

It is vital that the IRA meet this third demand very soon. Sinn Fein's obsession with British "demilitarisation" is absurd, given that, in practice, this process is already well under way. Last week 400 British soldiers left the Province, bringing the total number of troops who have been returned since the IRA ceasefire to 950. Much else has changed in the last eight months. A radical plan for constitutional change is on the table. Ministers are to meet Sinn Fein. Unionists have not disrupted the peace process. The republican movement has no right to further concessions. A gesture of good faith is urgently required.

NEW SCHOOL TIES

Britain's boarding schools look abroad

Boarding education in Britain continues to dwindle. Yesterday's survey by the Independent Schools Information Service reports that while the number of pupils at its day schools has increased slightly for the second year running, Britain's boarding school population is down by 4 per cent, so continuing its long, withdrawing fall.

The reasons must be partly economic. The average cost of sending a child to boarding school has reached £3,415 a term, a larger proportion of average earnings than ever. Now that job insecurity has reached the boarding-school classes, fee-payers are nervous about taking on such a long-running financial commitment. Fewer parents are stationed overseas for years without home leave, and the jet engine makes reunions easier than the P & O. The services, military, foreign and civil, have become less generous at paying school fees.

But the reasons are also cultural. The British may be turning against their peculiar institution. For centuries foreigners have marvelled at the British custom of sending their children away at a tender age for an education so exclusive that in other countries it could be awarded only by judges. British parents have become increasingly squeamish about sending their children out to board at an age below the sixth form. Many modern parents do not want to be separated from their children for most of their formative years. The only growth areas for boys' boarding schools come from going coeducational (not a favour for the girls, to judge from the spectacular success of girls' schools), from the children of divorced parents (to escape the stress of a split family), and from foreigners.

As the British Empire has faded away, its former subjects want to buy the old imperial virtues of a British education. So do ambitious parents from aspirant imperial powers from Japan to Russia. From the stiff upper lip to the old school tie there were virtues as well as famous vices in the old-fashioned British boarding school. From Tom Brown to Angela Brazil, boarding school has had a potent effect on British literature as well as character. Billy Bunter and his chums formed the imaginations of millions of children who had neither the desire to go nor the prospect of being sent to boarding school. If foreigners are now beginning to perceive the virtues of the boarding system, perhaps we should beware. Let us hope that the new boarders do not imbue only the virtues of the old school tie and that the future great battles of the Nikkei index are not won on the computer keyboards of Eton.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parliament's powers 'in dire danger'

From Viscount Tonypandy

Sir, Since I retired from the Speaker's chair in the House of Commons in 1983, I have strictly adhered to our parliamentary tradition, which prevents former Speakers from being embroiled in party political controversies.

It is because I am convinced that the question of our national sovereignty towers above all that I feel free to submit this address to the electors of Britain.

Our Westminster Parliament is in dire danger of being denuded of its responsibilities, and of being supplanted by a European assembly controlled by a hotchpotch of European politicians and bureaucrats, who have no love for this country. Our national destiny will be subject to foreign control.

In our British heritage a special place of honour is reserved for Pym and Hampden, who so courageously fought for the rights of our Parliament against the claims of absolutism by the Crown.

Their portraits hang with pride in Speaker's House, along with that of Speaker Lenthall who defended Parliament's independence when it was challenged by Charles I.

Other parliamentary giants have followed in their wake. Names such as Palmerston and Pitt, Gladstone, Disraeli, Asquith, Lloyd George, Churchill, Attlee and the like shine in our history as fierce defenders of self-government by the British people.

They should be living in this hour, for we need support to protect our national interests from being subject to foreign control.

No political party in Britain has a mandate from the electorate to surrender our national sovereignty to foreign hands.

The current slide towards a single European currency threatens both our economic and our political independence, and thus our sovereignty. Subterfuge and half-truths have been used to persuade the nation that neither our sovereignty nor our relationship with the Commonwealth is endangered.

There appears to be a conspiracy of silence about the fact that the United Kingdom's trade and overseas investments are still much greater with countries outside the European Union than they are with those within the Union, which is itself increasingly a puppet of a French and German alliance.

It is not too late for us to save our sovereignty.

For more than 600 years Speakers of the House of Commons have fiercely defended the supremacy of the Westminster Parliament. As one whose privilege it was to follow humbly in the steps of the mighty Speakers of the past, I call upon our nation to awake, and to demand that the voice of all our people shall be heard before the next inter-governmental conference takes irrevocable decisions affecting our sovereignty.

A national referendum conducted before, and not after, further decisions are taken is our elementary right. This is the only sure way to prevent our parliamentary sovereignty, our judicial system, and our Commonwealth relationships from being grievously undermined.

We were granted a referendum on joining an economic union, but we have never had the chance to vote on sovereignty, and the issues involved, which is our democratic right.

Yours faithfully,
TONYPANDY
(Speaker of the House
of Commons, 1976-83),
House of Lords.
April 24.

A new museum of national history?

From the Editor of History Today

Sir, Roy Strong is under a misapprehension when he writes (letter, April 21) that the proposed new museum of British history, backed by a broad range of historians and museum directors, would be impractical because it would have to plunder the collections of existing institutions.

The proposers of the "History House" scheme are well aware of this, which is precisely why both in the submission to the Millennium Commission and in subsequent comment to the media it has been emphasised that it is not intended to be a traditional object-led museum. Interactive computer technology, big-screen film projection, CD-Rom displays and even live performance will tell a large part of the story of these islands.

Where artefacts are used, they will be employed as points of entry to discussing a subject and its historical significance, not as precious objects in their own right. Replicas or even holograms of objects from existing museums would be, to my mind, quite acceptable for this purpose.

A replica of the Domesday Book is just as acceptable as the real thing as a starting-point for discussing the impact of the Norman Conquest, particularly if accompanied by all the computer graphics and map projections that can show just how William the Conqueror's army wreaked havoc from London to the North.

Even with original objects, much can be done via loans for temporary exhibitions and use of reserve collections from existing museums which may be historically interesting but of lesser aesthetic importance.

I agree with Sir Roy that the National Portrait Gallery, within its spatial restraints, makes an admirable contribution to the "historical panorama" which the History House would hope to display in full. This is precisely why I would hope it might act as one of the satellite museums from which the History House proposal envisages receiving material via computer and on-line terminals.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON MARSDEN,
Editor, *History Today*,
20 Old Compton Street, W1.
April 21.

From Dr David Starkey

Sir, Sir Roy Strong raises important practical problems with the proposed "major museum of the history of the peoples of the British Isles". But the problems require only that the proposal be rethought, not that it be abandoned.

The French have a museum of the history of France. It is not a multimedia giant, but a medium-sized, documents-based museum attached to the national archives. This seems to me to be the model we should follow.

The collections of the Public Record Office are incomparably rich, and its fine Chancery Lane building is in one of the most historically interesting parts of London. Moreover, the records themselves are in the process of being moved to the new Public Record Office at Kew. What better use could there be for the vacated Chancery Lane building than to turn it into a museum of British history with a display based round key documents from the public records and supplemented by loans from other major archives?

We have a history as proud as the French or the Americans. Should not we too have a showcase for it in the heart of our capital city?

Yours faithfully,
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Size of classes

From the General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers

Sir, Your leader of April 19, "Face the teachers", confuses several quite separate issues. The behaviour of the National Union of Teachers extremists at Blackpool (report, April 17) was appalling, by any standards, and should be condemned outright. But they do not represent anything other than a tiny minority of the teaching profession.

The class size issue is crucial. Smaller classes are needed for attention to individual pupils; to deal with the problem of differentiation and to cope with a wide ability range which exists in the overwhelming majority of classes.

In many schools children of different ages have to be taught together. Independent schools market themselves partly on small class sizes. Is it seriously suggested that the benefits of independent school pupils should be denied to state school children?

Teachers understand, only too well, that within their numbers are those who perform inadequately. However, the teaching profession alone does not have a monopoly on weak members. Inadequate funding is a key issue and the teaching unions are right to campaign about it.

For your leader to argue that those unions exercise some form of control over the system flies in the face of reality. Heads and governors run schools. They are addressing the question of the quality of teaching and learning as a number one priority.

Yours faithfully,
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April 20.

Christ's way of life as a basis for moral obligations

From Mr Dudley Plunkett

Sir, The short answer to Matthew Parris's queries about Christian morality (column, April 17; letters, April 22) must be that Jesus did not teach a philosophy but a way of life, and he taught it mainly by example.

So he did teach the importance of the family, by living in one and by being subject to his parents. He did teach who was our neighbour not only by the parables that show that it is the person we encounter, the one placed in our path, but also by his constant care for the sick people he met and healed.

Why should Jesus have taught a morality of rules that apply to every situation when he taught something much more important, that there was a truth, an absolute?

Jesus taught that he is the truth, and human freedom comes from recognising this. So we must look to Jesus and not to any philosophy to know Christian morality. Christians rank their moral obligations by imitating Jesus, by seeking in prayer God's will for the particular situation. It works, but only for God-fearing people, not for sceptics.

Yours faithfully,
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Catholic Archdiocese of
Birmingham),
15 Glen Eyre Road,
Southampton, Hampshire.
April 22.

From the Reverend Howard Taylor

Sir, Matthew Parris is expecting too much even from God if he thinks there ought to be a way for us to know — in any circumstance — what decision would be perfectly right. When we have conflicting loyalties there simply may be no way not to disappoint someone in order to please another.

It is precisely because human life is often faced with these difficult decisions that there is opportunity for those we please or disappoint to be either jealous or generous in spirit. It is these very dilemmas that enable our humanity to deepen and grow to maturity, or alternatively to decay into selfishness.

Far more than the actual decisions we make, it is the attitude of the mind and heart, informed by prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, that will be judged by God.

It is only in the context of eternity that purpose, and therefore value, and therefore morality can really make sense.

Yours sincerely,
HOWARD TAYLOR,
60 Southbrae Drive, Glasgow.
April 17.

From Mr Nicholas Angel

Sir, Matthew Parris does indeed have difficulty "ranking" moral obligations. He is moved to tears by the hopelessness of a *Big Issue* vendor he meets in London (column, April 10), but — with characteristic candour — is aware, in his next column, that his voting for weapons of mass destruction while an MP is incompatible with valuing the sanctity of human life.

But pity poor Mr Parris's plight. He must also be aware that, as a Tory MP for seven years in the 1980s, he shares a small part of the collective responsibility for the social crisis which has thrown up such unfortunates as the vendor he met, and who so moved him to a sense of futile despair. And yet, as one who remained a backbencher at the time of a massive Conservative majority, he too must know what it is to feel impotent in the face of immense, monolithic forces, to lose one's individuality in the swamp of conformity.

Small wonder that the onset of his middle age has been accompanied by "moral bafflement, and engulfing waves of vast, useless sympathy for people".

Yours sincerely,
NICK ANGEL,
26 The Grove, Radlett, Hertfordshire.
April 17.

From Mr Bill Weston

Sir, For his latest dig at Christianity, Matthew Parris seems to be looking for glossy answers.

Founded in the challenge of a unique human life, the Christian faith becomes real when it becomes personal: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths" (Proverbs iii, 5 and 6).

There are plenty of Christians willing and able to show how this proves true as a trustworthy dynamic for "life in this world . . . and daily decisions". Plenty of others too would agree that a faith which seeks the deepest and best foundations for personal integrity, however defined, is a better basis for real life and decisions than a corporate statement of priorities, even though it does not guarantee that people will agree.

Distancing oneself from this challenge puts one in danger of opting for the bogus, the substitute for thought, and the "cop-out".

Yours faithfully,
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April 18.

Courtesy on call

From Mr James Harmsworth

Sir, Late on Easter Sunday a stolen car travelling at speed caused damage to our property, demolishing a telegraph pole in the process.

Within minutes of the accident the police arrested those responsible; within hours BT engineers had removed the damaged pole, erected a new one and reconnected our telephone line. Both the police and the BT engineers showed every possible kindness and consideration towards us.

A gratuity offered to the engineers was politely refused with the comment that they were only doing their job. Very nice, very old style.

Yours sincerely,
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April 20.

Better to give?

From Canon Malcolm Methuen Clarke

Sir, Are mobile phones more blessed to give than to receive (letter, April 19)? They are a blessed nuisance in public places and rank third in my anathemas of 1. women priests and 2. clergymen in moustaches.

Yours truly,
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April 19.

'Instant' gambling

From Mr David Rigg

Sir, Dr Mark Griffiths's letter (April 19) refers to the potential risk of addiction that he believes the National Lottery's "Instants" game could pose, and states that he sees it as entirely different from the main National Lottery game.

Virtually all lotteries around the world consist of both the weekly draw game and instant games. The largest instant market is France, with annual sales of around £1.8 billion, and few of us, I suggest, would characterise the French as a nation of inveterate gamblers.

In this country people were buying about £50 million worth of scratch card games a year before the introduction of the lottery, some with prizes as high as £25,000. The highest-selling of these, which is owned by a group of charities, is I am told available in some 10,000 shops.

Whilst I would certainly agree with Dr Griffiths that organisations such as the UK Forum on Young People and Gambling should monitor the impact of new games in this area, any suggestion that a widespread problem could be created is premature, and flies in the face of international experience.

Yours faithfully,
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April 24.

Textbooks overseas

From Mr David Wardrop

Sir, I share the hopes of Jack Storer (letter, April 19) that the Educational Low-Priced Books Scheme (ELBS) will continue to be supported by the Overseas Development Agency. Other countries operate similar schemes but by far the most popular is Unesco's programme. Students from developing countries visiting the UK or any country are provided with US dollar coupons which they can exchange for much-needed books, equipment and services.

It is now ten years since Britain regrettably left Unesco, whose traditional UK suppliers have lost business to others; some of these are from English-speaking countries, others have simply taken advantage of our Government's short-sightedness. While Mr Storer is right to state that the English language is our most successful export, it is not bad business for the Germans or the French these days either.

I fervently hope that Britain will return to membership prior to Unesco's 50th anniversary celebrations in London in November.

Yours faithfully,
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United Nations Association,
London Region,
23 New Quebec Street, W1.

Prison reform

From Mr Ron Baines

Sir, The signatories to the letter (April 10) calling for reform of the prison system do not mention prisoners' "rights" — still to be counted on the fingers of one hand after a hundred years.

Yours,
RON BAINES
(Chairman, Board of Visitors,
HMP Wormwood Scrubs, 1983-85),
11 The Manor House,
Portesbery Hill Drive,
Camberley, Surrey.

Cue for a prayer

From Mr Joe Ruston

Sir, Given that both last for eternity, I have often thought that the only difference between heaven and hell must be the level of boredom. With this in mind I began to wonder if the churches had reached some kind of subliminal advertising deal with the TV companies this Saturday afternoon when three out of the four terrestrial television channels transmitted snooker. It was so excruciating a foretaste of Hades that I, for one, will be at matins on Sunday.

Yours faithfully,
JOE RUSTON,
1 Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, SW19.
April 22.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 25: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the new Temperate House in the Savill Garden, Home Park, Windsor, and was received by the First Crown Estate Commissioner (the Earl of Mansfield and Mansfield).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness viewed the new Temperate House, escorted by the Keeper of the Savill Garden (Mr John Bond).

The Queen afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Miller (Extra Equerry) at the Memorial Service for Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, Bt, which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1, today.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Brigadier John Rickett.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 25: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 25: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, afterwards attended a Reception to mark the twenty five thousandth grant awarded by the Trust.

The Prince of Wales later presented the Business Commitment to the Environment Awards on their Twentieth Anniversary at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Piccadilly, London W1.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, 9th International Food and Drink Exhibition 1995, this afternoon visited the exhibition at Earls Court Exhibition Centre, London SW5.

Major Patrick Tabor was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening attended the film premiere of "Legends of the Fall" at the Odeon West End Theatre, London WC2.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 25: The Duke of Kent, Chairman of Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference (United Kingdom Fund), this morning attended the Annual Trustees Meeting, Norwich Union House, Fenchurch Street, London EC3.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 25: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester this morning was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey at the Memorial Service of the Hon Victor Montagu at St James's, Piccadilly, London W1.

The Duke of Gloucester was present at the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health's 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Regent Hotel, 22 Marylebone Road, London NW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts at a dinner held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of the 150th anniversary of the Surrey County Cricket Club. The guests were:

Mr Barry Bramley, Mr Alec Bedser, Mr Eric Bedser, Mr Nick Blair, Mr Stuart Brandreth, Mr Mitch Brown, Mr and Mrs Raymond Carter, Mr and Mrs Dennis Cox, Mrs Ann Dean, Mr Brian de Neut, Mr Raphael Djanogly, Mr and Mrs Brian Downing, Mr Graeme Dunlop, Mr and Mrs Alistair Durie, Mr Simon Esberger, Mr Anthony Ford, Ms Anne-Marie Genette, Mr and Mrs John Paul Getty, Mr Graham Hadley, Ms Jennifer Laing, Mr and Mrs Anthony Lee, Mr and Mrs Michael Macdonald-Bell, Mr Geoffrey Markham, Mrs Jane Moyle, Mr Derek Newton, Mr and Mrs John Nike, Mr Paul O'Hea, Mr Dudley Owen-Thomas, Mr Keith Page, Mr Alan Pascoe, Mr and Mrs John Plastow, Mr and Mrs Rodney Pollard, Mr David Richards, Mr Malcolm Ridley, Mr Herman Scopes, Mr Paul Sheldon, Mr and Mrs Dudley Simmons, Ms Karen Smith, Mr Michael Soper, Mr David Stewart, Mr Melvyn Stride, Mr and Mrs Raman Subba Row, Mrs Betty Surridge, Mr and Mrs Stuart Surridge, Captain and Mrs Tony Swainson, Mr Kevin Turner, Mr Paul Twivy, Mr Matthew Wheeler, Mr and Mrs Glyn Woodman, Ms Rachael Reynolds.

Earl of Lauderdale
The Earl of Lauderdale entertained the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies to dinner last night in the House of Lords. Professor Ian Fells, Professor of Energy Conversion, Newcastle University, was the guest of honour.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at City Hall for past Lord Mayors. Among those present were:

Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Lady Norton, Sir Alan Dawtry, Mrs Rivka Osborne, Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Mr Anthony Blanco and Councillor Jenny Blanco, Mrs Ann Cobbold, Mr Donald du Parc Braham, Mrs Tanis du Parc Braham, Mr and Mrs Simon Mabey, Mr Terence Mallinson and Councillor Anne Mallinson, Councillor Dr Cyril and Mrs Nemeth, Councillor Alan Bradley and Councillor Pamela Batty.

Engineers' Company
Mr Lawrence Turner, Master of the Engineers' Company, assisted by Sir Frederick Crawford, Dr J.C. Smith and Dr D.S. Mitchell, wardens, presided at a livery dinner of the company held last night at Vintners' Hall. The master presented awards to members of the engineering branches of the armed forces. General Sir John Stibbon, the Chief Royal Engineer, also spoke. Among the guests were:

The Master of the Fanmakers' Company, Sir Peter Crill, Sir David Davies, Professor Raoul Franklin, Dr Nicholas Carey and representatives of the armed forces.

Service dinner

Essex Yeomanry
General Sir Robert Ford was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Essex Yeomanry Dinner Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major General T.A. Richardson presided.

Ralph Merrifield

A memorial service for Ralph Merrifield, DLitt, FSA (1913-1995), archaeologist, will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 1995, at 3.00pm, at St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London, EC2.

Memorial services

Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Miller at the service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Brigadier John Rickett.

The Rev Roy McAllen, Chaplain to the Household Division, officiated. Sir Beville Stanier (son) read the lesson and Major-General C.A.R. Nevill read from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Major-General Sir Philip Ward gave the address. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by a trumpeter of the Welsh Guards. The Ambassador of France was represented by Colonel Paul Bonnet. Among others present were:

Miss Sylvia Stanier (daughter), Lady Stanier (daughter-in-law), Mr Alexander Stanier, Miss Henrietta Stanier, Miss Lucinda Stanier (grandchildren), Mrs Stuart Pitman (sister-in-law), Mrs Celia Lorimer, Mr Stuart Yates, Miss Geraldine Lorimer, Mrs Philippa Essington-Boulton, Miss Marissa Essington-Boulton, Mr and Mrs Howard Palmer, Mr Christopher Wilson, Mrs John Gibbons, Mr and Mrs Roland Grimshaw, the Hon George Bathurst, Mr Charles Pinker, Mrs Lavinia Bonnor-Maurice.

Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, the Countess of Cavan, Viscount Boyne, Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, and Viscountess Boyne, Viscount and Viscountess Kemsley, Lord Gibson-Watt, Daphne Lady Poole, Mr John Biffen, MP, Lady Serena Bridgeman, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Maud Wilson, the Hon Arthur Lawson Johnston, Sir Toby Clarke, representing the Standing Council of the Baronetage, Major Sir Hamish Forbes, Sir Brian Warren, Sir Edmund and Lady Paston-Bedingfeld, Sir John and the Hon Lady Chichester, Sir Dudley Forwood, Lady Creswell, Field Marshal Sir John Stanier, Major-General Sir Philip Ward, Lady Montagu-Douglas-Scott, Lady Guthrie, Col and the Hon Mrs S C C Gausser, Major-General and the Hon Mrs P R Leuchars, Mr and the Hon Mrs A Heber-Percy, Mrs John Rickett, M and Mme Aurian de Maupeou.

Brigadier C F Drewry, Regimental Lieutenant Colonel, Welsh Guards, and Mrs Drewry, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Stephens, Regimental Adjutant, Welsh Guards, Mr R E Lewis, Secretary, Welsh Guards Association, Captain A Gibson-Watt, President, Merthyr Tydfil Branch, Welsh Guards Association, Captain Ian Mackeson Sandback (North Wales Branch, Welsh Guards Retired Comrades Association), Major Jack Travers and Mr Richard Hutchins (HQ 183 Infantry Brigade), Mr Peter Mews (1st Bn, Hampshire Regiment), Major-General Tony Richardson, President, Essex Yeomanry Association, Mr John Modlen, Vice-President, Shropshire branch, Normandy Veterans Association, with Mr Leslie Stocking, chairman; Mrs M L Glover, Secretary, London Branch, Devonshire and Dorset Regimental Association, Colonel David Lewis (Blue Seal Club) and Mrs Lewis.

The Mayor of Asnelles, Normandy, Major-General and Mrs Cosmo Nevill, Mr John Gardiner (the Vale of Aylesbury Hunt), Mr Charles Rogers-Coltman, representing the Governors of Wrekin College, and Mrs Rogers-Coltman, Mr Kenneth Rose, Mr and Mrs Humphrey Swire, Mrs Terence Maxwell, Mr and Mrs Ronald Scrivener, Mr and Mrs Patrick Cooke-Priest, Mrs M Dimsdale, Mr John Winnington-Ingram, Mr and Mrs Robin Bonham Carter, the Rev John Hadley, the Rev Malcolm Hart Richards, Mr W Heber-Percy, Brigadier and Mrs M C Thursby-Pelham, Brigadier Peter Williams, Brigadier and Mrs T I G Gray, Mr Nigel Baring, Mr Giles Gostwick (May, May and Merrimans), Mr N Hextall (John D Wood and Co), representatives of the Montgomeryshire and Shropshire Welsh Guards Association, members of staff, past and present, of Shotover Estate, and many other friends.

Mr Victor Montagu
Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alexander Victor Edward Paulet Montagu, held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. The Hon Robert Montagu, son, read from the works of Edmund Burke, the Earl of Sandwich, son, read an adaptation from Viscount Hinchingbrooke's *Full Speed Ahead* and Lady Kate Hunloke, daughter, read from Lord Tennyson's *Ulysses*. Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, gave an address. Mr Martin Best played the lute and sang a song by Thomas Campion. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Torquil Norman (son-in-law and daughter), Lady Julia Montagu (daughter), the Hon Mrs Robert Montagu (daughter-in-law), Mr Nicholas Hunloke (son-in-law), Mr and Mrs Jesse Norman, Mr Casey Norman, Ms Lulu Norman, Mr Caspar Norman, Miss Amy Norman, the Hon Orlando Montagu, Ms Jemima Montagu, Miss Henrietta Hunloke, Miss Matilda Hunloke, Mr Edward Hunloke, Timothy Montagu, Miss Flamma Montagu and Miss Bona Montagu (grandchildren), Lady Elizabeth Montagu (sister), Sir Michael Culme-Seymour (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Dru Montagu.

The Countess of Cranbrook, the Earl and Countess of Perth, the Earl of Lauderdale, Philippa Viscountess Astor, Viscount and Viscountess Hood, Lord and Lady Charteris of Amisfield, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Baroness Trumpington, Lord Gallacher, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, and Lady Rawlinson, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lady Rothschild, the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Sir Edward du Cann, Lady Margaret Myddelton, the Hon Moyra Campbell, Sir Anthony and Lady Meyer, Lady Aird, Lady Sergeant, Sir Michael Grylls, MP, Sir Patrick Neill, QC, and Lady Neill, Sir Gilbert Longden.

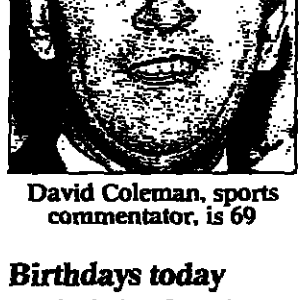
Mrs Richard Needham, Mr and Mrs Andrew Best, Mr Matthew Best, Miss Catherine Best, Mr and Mrs Caspar Tiarks, Mrs Anita Tiarks, Mrs Christopher Arnander, Mrs Sally Vergette, Mrs William Dorrell, Mr John Beveridge, QC, Mr Hugh Myddelton, Mrs Peter Horsfield, Mr Peter Glidewell, Mrs Mary Pearson, Mrs Carolyn Sands, Mr Anthony Dorman, Mr and Mrs Paul Williams, Mrs Dinah Johnson, Mr J A Leavey, Mrs Peter Cazalet, Mr and Mrs Andrew Edwards, Mr Michael Brotherton, Dr and Mrs Francis Goddard, Mrs David Wheeler, Mrs Cyril Townsend, Mr A Montague Browne, Mr and Mrs Michael Davie, Mr and Mrs David Murdoch, Mr Robin Holland-Martin, Mr David Mathew, Mr and Mrs David Dickson, Mrs Irene Brendel, Mr Hugh Gilmour (Anti-Common Market League) and Mr R C Morris (International Friendship League).

Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, The Strand. The Rev G.B. McAvoy officiated. Mr Tom Priestley, brother-in-law, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler and Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn paid tribute. Among others present were:

Lady Wykeham (widow), Mr and Mrs Bill Wykeham and Mr and Mrs Joel Wykeham (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Gwynne Roberts (son-in-law and daughter), Jack and Tom Roberts (grandsons), Alexander and Sophie Hammacher (step-grandchildren), Miss Brenda Wykeham (sister), Mrs M Priestley, Mrs A Wyndham Lewis, Mrs Ann Stocker and Mrs R Littlewood (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs M Goaman (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs Sarah Trench.

Lord Moore of Wolvercote, Lady Barnett, Sir Philip Powell, CH, and Lady Powell, Sir Frank Cooper, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon (Chief of the Air Staff) and Lady Graydon, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis and Lady Hodges, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Rosier, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken (RAF Association), Lady Wheeler, General Sir Charles and Lady Harington, Lady Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Crowley-Milling, Air Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Horsley, Lady Lapsley, Sir Ronald Melville, Major General P A Downward (British Korean Veterans Association) with Mr S Mercer (national chairman), Air Vice-Marshal P T Squire (Assistant Chief of the Air Staff), Air Vice-Marshal G C Lamb, Air Vice Marshal Deryck Stapleton, Rear-Admiral Edward Gueritz, Air Commodore and Mrs P M Brothers, Group Captain and Mrs M Stephens, Colonel and Mrs Malcolm Havergal.

Mr and Mrs Robert Robinson, Mr and Mrs K Hampton, Mr and Mrs H Quietman, Mrs V Clubb, Mr and Mrs A Pitt, Mr and Mrs Ralph Smith, Mr and Mrs R M Lee, Mrs L Grovsky, Mr and Mrs J Price, Captain Soren Lund (defence attaché, representing the Danish Embassy) and Mrs Lund, Lieutenant-Colonel T Moore (assistant air attaché, representing the American Embassy), Wing Commander P B ("Laddie") Lucas (2 Group Officers' Association), Group Captain G A Lucas (RAF Benevolent Fund), Mr Cecil James (RAF Historical Society) and Mr F Pond (The Rats of Tobruk Association).



David Coleman, sports commentator, is 69

Birthdays today

Mr John Battle, MP, 44; the Marquess of Bute, 37; Mr Justice Cazalet, 59; the Earl of Dartmouth, 71; Sir Gordon Downey, former Comptroller and Auditor General, 67; Mr J.C.B. Gosling, Principal, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, 65; Professor Margaret Gowing, scientific historian, 74; Mr Stuart Higgins, Editor, The Sun, 39; Mr M.L.R. Isaac, former Headmaster, Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, 67; Mr Justice Jacob, 54; Dr Lynne Jones, MP, 44; Sir Michael Joughin, former chairman, Scottish Hydro-Electric, 69; Major-General Harry Knutton, former director-general, City and Guilds of London Institute, 74; Dr Dame Anne McLaren, zoologist, 68; Professor Wilfrid Mellers, composer, 81; Sir Oliver Millar, Surveyor Emeritus of the Queen's Pictures, 72; Professor J.E. Morpurgo, professor of American literature, 77; Professor Philip Poole-Wilson, cardiologist, 52; Mr Peter Schaufuss, choreographer, 46; Sir James Sutherland, professor of modern English literature, 95; Dr Ian Twinn, MP, 45; Mr Derek Waring, actor, 65; Mr Morris West, novelist, 79; Mr Willie Wood, bowler, 57.

School news

Culford School
The Summer Term begins today. George Ornbo is the Captain of Cricket. A Memorial Service for the late Dr Christopher Storey will take place at St Mary's Church, Culford, on Saturday, April 29, at 12.15pm. University Forums will be held on Friday, May 5 and Friday, May 12, at 4.30pm. Open Day will be on Saturday, May 20, and the Summer Ball on Saturday, July 1. Term ends on Wednesday, July 5. The two day Centenary Cricket Match will begin on Saturday, July 8, and the Centenary Cricket Dinner will be held that evening.

Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon
Term begins today. The May Ball will be held on Friday, May 5. Former Edgehillians will be meeting in Bristol on Saturday, May 20. Sports Day is on Friday, June 16, and Junior Prize Day on Saturday, June 24. Term ends on Thursday, July 6.

Moulsford Preparatory School
The Summer Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School today. Thomas Baird is Head Boy, William Worsdell Captain of Cricket, Andrew Bitmead Leader of the Orchestra and Ben Forsythe Head Chorister. An Open Afternoon/Evening will be held on Thursday, June 29, from 4pm (further details from the School Secretary 01491 651438) and the Mid-Summer Dance is on Friday, June 30. Prize Giving will be on Wednesday, July 5. Prizes will be presented by Mr Simon Barrow, Headmaster of The Oratory School.

St George's School, Ascot
The term started on St George's Day, April 23, which will be marked by a concert in St George's Church, Bloomsbury on Saturday, April 29, at 7.30pm. Half-Term commences Friday, May 26 and Boarders return Sunday evening June 4. Freshers' Day will be on the afternoon of Sunday, June 11. Sports Day is Friday, June 23. The "Music for a Summer Evening" Concert will be held on Wednesday, July 5, at 7.30pm when a presentation will be made to Mr Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen to mark his outstanding service to the School since joining the Board in 1970, becoming Chairman of the Finance Committee and subsequent appointment as Chairman of the Board in 1981. Term ends on Friday, July 7, at 5.00pm. The Chapel Choir will be touring Burgundy July 8-13.

St Margaret's School, Bushey, Hertfordshire
Summer Term has begun for all pupils at St Margaret's School. The new School Officers are: Head Girl - Felicity Britton, Deputy Head Girl - Nehal Gheewala and Games Captain - Isabella Mann. The main events this term are Confirmation by the Bishop of Hertford in the School Chapel on Saturday, April 29 and Open Day and Prizegiving on Thursday, July 6, after which term will end.

Woldingham School
The Summer Term begins today. Juliette Wigan is the new Head Girl and Rebecca Goldschmidt is Deputy Head Girl. Abbott Stephen Ortiger is the Guest at Prize Day on July 8 when term ends. Autumn Term begins on September 6.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel-in-Chief, will receive the freedom of entry to the Royal Borough of Reading at the Town Hall, Reading, at 10.30 on behalf of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the Newent Association for the Disabled's Sheppard House Centre, Newent, at 1.30; will open the Ann Edwards Mews Diocese Almshouses at Abbeydale, Gloucester, at 2.40; and, as President of the Civil Service Sports Council, will open the new clubhouse at Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, at 3.25.

The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master, will attend the annual investiture of the United Grand Lodge of England at Freemasons' Hall, at 3.15; and will attend a dinner at the Savoy Hotel at 6.10.

Luncheons

Combustion Engineering Association
Lord Ezra, President of the Combustion Engineering Association, was in the chair at a luncheon of the association held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr David Jefferies, President of the Institute of Energy, also spoke.

New Cavendish Club
Mr Michael Whitlam, Director-General of the British Red Cross Society, was the guest speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at 44 Great Cumberland Place, to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the club (formerly the VAD Ladies Club). Mrs Christine Bird, chairman, was the host.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Budd
and Miss A. Horgan
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Budd, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Angelique, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kevin Horgan, of Stock, Essex.

Mr T.P.H. Bureau
and Miss L.P. Davenport
The engagement is announced between Tom, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Bureau, of Buchlyvie, Stirlingshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Davenport, of Horsmonden, Kent.

Mr D.J. Cooper
and Dr F.M. Hayes
The engagement is announced between David Justin, second son of Mr and Mrs John Cooper, of Clifton, Bristol, and Fiona Mary, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Hayes, of Taunton, Somerset.

Mr T.A. Dingemans
and Miss N. Wain
The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Dingemans, of Eartham, West Sussex, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Wain, of Stockport, Cheshire.

Mr G.D. Gibson
and Miss C.C.R. Hall
The engagement is announced between Gregory, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gibson, of West Wickham, Kent, and Catherine, only daughter of the Reverend Canon George and Mrs Hall, of Sandringham, Norfolk.

Mr T.D. Loveridge
and Dr L.C. Wells
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Loveridge, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Louise, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R.R. Wells, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr J.R. Rendle
and Miss B.E. Williams
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Rendle, of Widdington, Essex, and Bethan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Williams, of Pontypridd, Mid-Glamorgan.

Mr R.A.M. Whitaker
and Miss K. Fortescue
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of the late Mr Evald and Mrs Margaret Whitaker, and Katharine, elder daughter of the Hon Martin and the late Hon Mrs Fortescue.

Mr J.M. Hadley-Piggin
and Miss J.M.A. Mullins
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark, son of Mr William Piggin, of Charlwood, Surrey, and Mrs Judith Buckley, of Chipping Sodbury, Avon, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rupert Mullins, of Lynchmere, West Sussex.

Mr G.J.M. Taylor
and Miss J. Baker
The engagement is announced between George, only son of Mrs Frank Taylor, of Chelsea, London, SW10, and the late Dr Frank Taylor, CBE, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Baker, of Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.G.F. Wintour
and Miss A.G. McIntyre
The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Mrs F.E.H. Wintour, of London, SW10, and the late H.J.F. Wintour, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.D. McIntyre, of Logan Mains, Stranraer.

Marriages

Mr J.G. Baker
and Ms S.E. Bayford
The marriage took place in Gretna Green on April 13 of Mr Jonathan Giles Baker, son of Mr Jack Baker, of Hayling Island, and Mrs Audrey Baker, of Bosham, to Ms Sandra Elizabeth Bayford, daughter of the late Mr Norman and of Mrs Joyce Bayford, of Kingston upon Hull.

Mr N.J.A. Fellowes
and Miss H.C. Williams
The marriage took place on Friday, April 21, 1995, at Chelsea Old Church, between Mr Nicholas John Ailwyn Fellowes, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Fellowes, of Newmarket, and Miss Henrietta Caroline Williams, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Williams, of Fulham, London, SW6. The Very Rev John Treadgold, Dean of Chichester, and the Rev Peter Elvy officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Arabella Bowker, George Blakey, Thomas Gardener, Harry Gifford and Oliver Simon. Mr James Fellowes was best man.

A reception was held at Boodles, St James's, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marcus Aurelius, Roman Emperor 161-180 AD, Rome, 121; Leonardo da Vinci, painter, sculptor, architect and engineer, Vinci, 1452; John James Audubon, naturalist and artist, Les Cayes, Santo Domingo, 1785; Alfred Krupp, industrialist, Essen, 1812; Artemus Ward (pen name of Charles Farrar Browne), writer, Waterford, Maine, 1834; Syngman Rhee, 1st President of the Republic of Korea 1948-60, Kaesong, 1875; Rudolf Hess, Nazi war criminal, Alexandria, Egypt, 1894; John Grierson, documentary film producer, Perth, 1898.

DEATHS: Jeremy Collier, controversialist, London, 1726; Henry Hobson Richardson, architect, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1886; Carl Bosch, chemist, Nobel laureate 1931, Heidelberg, 1940; Edwin Pratt, poet, Toronto, 1964; Sidney James, actor, Sunderland, 1976; Dame Cicely Courtneidge, actress, London, 1980; William (Count) Basie, jazz bandleader and pianist, Florida, 1984.

John Wilkes Booth, actor, the assassin of President Lincoln (April 14), was shot dead by troops, 1865.

The Duke of York married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in Westminster Abbey, 1923.

An accident at the Soviet nuclear power station at Chernobyl led to far-reaching increases in radiation levels, 1986.

Lecture

Royal Society of Medicine
Lord Carrington, KG, delivered the Lloyd Roberts lecture last night at the Royal Society of Medicine. Afterwards Sir Donald Harrison, president, and Lady Harrison received the guests at a reception and dinner. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Smith, Sir George and Lady Pinker, Sir Gordon Robson, Sir Leslie and Lady Turnberg, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, and Dr C.D.M Drew.

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If someone is wise in the conduct of his own life, his good sense can be trusted when he gives advice.
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BIRTHS

BROWN - On April 21st at York, to Sue (née Wright) and Philip, a daughter, Eleanor Victoria, a sister for Rebecca, Alexander and Olivia.

CLARKE - On April 17th 1995, to Mike and Vivienne (née Shortle), a son, Alexander William Norman. A playmate for Max.

COURTENAY-STAMP - On April 22nd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jeremy and Elizabeth (née Crawford), a daughter, Alexandra (Sasha) Isabelle, a beautiful sister for Georgina.

FOLEY - On 19th April, to Melanie and Andrew Foley, a daughter, Emily.

GLASSPOOL - On April 19th, to Jules (née MacMahon) and David, a daughter, Lucy Margaret Rose, a sister for Henry.

GLEN - On April 21st, at Falkirk Royal Infirmary, to Christopher and Christine (née Bruce), a son, Calum, a brother for Alexander.

GREEN - On 6th April 1995, to Michele (née Bannister) and Ian, a son, James William, a brother for Michael.

HALL - On April 4th, to Georgina (née Hopking) and Jeremy, a son, Dominic Leo, a brother for Kitty.

HUGHES - On April 26th at Queen Charlotte's, to Maria (née Bafitou) and Terry, a beautiful daughter, Elena Mary.

HUTCHINGS - On 24th April, to Julia (née Herbert-Burns) and Charlie, a daughter, Joanna Balfour.

KOPSER - Baby girl, Sarah Michelle born at the Wellington Hospital on 22nd April to Suzanne and Mark, a sister for Victoria.

McFARLAND - On April 20th, to Jean (née Turner) and Mark, a daughter, Emma Louise, a sister for Hannah.

OBEROI - On April 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Majlal and Alok Oberoi, a beautiful daughter, Tara, a sister for Ashwin.

PICKARD - On April 19th, to Jane (née Pearce) and Nigel, a beautiful daughter, Isabel Jane, a sister for James, William and Edward.

SEDDON - On April 22nd, to Marietta (née Ferguson) and James, a daughter.

SMALLWOOD - On April 24th, to Kathrin (née Ball) and Matthew, a son, Jasper James Cranston.

VAUGHAN-FOWLER - On April 21st 1995, to Kate (née Broadbridge) and John, a daughter, Matilda Joanna (Tilly), a sister for Emily-Rose and Alice.

WAKEFORD - On April 17th 1995 at East Surrey Hospital, to Juli (née Bridle) and Martyn, a daughter, Hayley Grace. Granddaughter to Frank and Sheila.

WILTSHIRE - On 19th April, to Katharine (née Russell) and Graham, a son, Thomas James Russell.

MARRIAGES

METCALFE:RYAN - On Saturday April 22nd at the Catholic Cathedral of St Mary's, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, Gerald Martin to Helen Claire. The celebrant The Reverend Canon Patrick Harney.

DEATHS

ADAM - On April 20th at Queen Mary's Hospital, peacefully after a long illness courageously borne. Paul Adam, dearly loved partner of Angela and father of Paul. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday 28th April at 4 pm. Flowers or donations for Imperial Cancer Research c/o T.H. Sanders, 12-14 Medfield Street, Roehampton, SW15, tel: (0181) 789-6855.

BONNER-MORGAN - Elizabeth Mary Susan (née Shaw) born 12th July 1908. Beloved head of a large family. Mother of Geoffrey, Robin and Guy and sister to Penelope. A tower of strength to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed. Died peacefully at home on 24th April 1995. Funeral on Monday 1st May at 12.30 pm. Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

BUTTERWORTH - Margaret on April 21st 1995, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, dearly loved by her late husband Eric and by their sons David and Roger. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Worsley Road United Reform Church, Swinton, on April 27th at 2.15 pm, prior to committal at Eccles Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu if so desired to Friends of the Lake District. All donations and enquiries to J.R. Barlow & Son, 238 Station Road, Pendlebury, Swinton. tel: (0161) 794-2142.

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ELWIN - On 22nd April 1995 peacefully at a Nursing Home in Branksome Park. Daphne, aged 97 years, elder daughter of the late Samuel and Clarissa Ashley-Cockle, late of Merrion Square, Dublin. Funeral Service Tuesday 2nd May, 12 noon, at Parkstone Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

FORREST - Stanley Richard died on the 18th April 1995. The cremation has taken place. Maureen and his family and friends enjoyed his wonderful life, his wit and wisdom will be sadly missed.

FOWLER - On April 23rd peacefully at St Elmo Care Home, Ringwood, Letitia Grace Louisa aged 85 years. Cremation at Salisbury on Monday May 1st at 1.40 pm. Flowers may be sent to Barrow Bros., Funeral Directors, 2 Nursery Road, Ringwood, Hants.

GARDNER - Suddenly on April 19th, Kenneth Burslam, at the age of 70, beloved husband of Cleone and father of David, Richard, Rosalind and Jocelyn, grandfather of nine. Formerly Keeper of Oriental Printed Books and Manuscripts at the British Library. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Bengeo, Hertford, on Thursday April 27th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund or Hospice Care Services for East Herts c/o Alfred Scales Ltd., 11 Church Street, Hertford.

GOURIET - Victor on 24th April after a long illness borne with courage and great humour. Dearly loved elder son of Nancy and the late Geoffrey Gouriet, dear brother of Gerald and Gretta and father of Geoffrey. Funeral on Friday 28th April at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.30 pm.

GREEN - On 21st April 1995, Phyllis Margery FitzGerald (Peggy), dearly loved wife of Brigadier P.W.P. Green CBE, DSO. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, South Warnborough, near Odiham, at 10 am on Wednesday 3rd May followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Friends of St Andrew's c/o E. Finch & Sons Ltd., 123 High Street, Aldershot, GU11 1TT.

HADMAN - Joan (née Winchester), beloved wife of the late Geoffrey and much loved mother of Anna, William, Robert and Susa, died peacefully in Rutland, on 26th April 1995, in her 81st year, after a short illness. Funeral at St Peter and St Paul, Preston, Rutland, 10.45 am Friday 28th April.

JELF - Phyllida (née Cooper), on 22nd April after a long illness, beloved wife of Nowell and much loved mother of Mary, Joe and Benita. "All shall be well: and all manner of things shall be well". Funeral Service will be held at the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Oundle, Northamptonshire, on Monday May 1st at 12 noon.

MacRAE - Peacefully at Ospadal Nan Eilean, Stornoway on 24th April 1995. Lilias MacKenzie, aged 70 years, much loved younger sister of Ishbel Monks of York.

KEENE - On April 21st, peacefully after a short illness, Frances Mary (Molly) Keene M.B.E. (née Mermagen) aged 88. Widow of Lt. Col. Percy Frederick Keene, South Staffordshire Regt. Much loved aunt of many nephews and nieces and a good friend to so many. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St John's, Ladbroke Grove, London W11 on Wednesday 3rd May at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, Appeals Dept., 6 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HR.

MAVOR - Sheena suddenly but peacefully from a stroke on April 24th at the R.V.I. Newcastle upon Tyne. Much loved wife of Ferrier Mavor, much loved by her sons Ian and Michael and by daughters-in-law Mary and Elizabeth and by her four grandchildren Guy, Jeremy, Veronica and Alexander. Service at West Road Crematorium, Newcastle upon Tyne, on Friday April 28th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1. Rest in Peace dear girl.

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ROBINSON - On Saturday 22nd April 1995, Frederick Clive Robinson M.B.E., beloved husband of the late Vera and much loved brother and uncle. Funeral at All Saints Church, Old Heathfield, E. Sussex, on Tuesday 2nd May at 3 pm. All enquiries to C. Waterhouse & Sons, tel: (01435) 862219.

TRANT - On 25th April 1995, peacefully at home, Brian Leonard. Beloved husband of Beryl, loving father to Carolyn and Dominick and a dearly loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, on Tuesday 2nd May at 12.30 pm, to be followed by cremation at The Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth at 1.45pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for The Alzheimer's Disease Society may be sent to Frank Davey & Co., 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex BN6 9TT, tel: (01273) 832179.

TOMBLIN - On 22nd April 1995, suddenly at home, John Thomas O.B.E. aged 78 years, loving husband of Elizabeth, father and grandfather. Funeral Service private. Family flowers only. Donations to N.S.P.C.C. c/o Alexander & Dry, 1 Seal Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7NQ.

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OBITUARIES

GINGER ROGERS

Ginger Rogers, actress and dancer, died in Rancho Mirage, California, yesterday aged 83. She was born on July 16, 1911.

GINGER ROGERS was a vivacious film star from the golden age of Hollywood whose screen career was made by her celebrated screen partnership with the late Fred Astaire. This ran from 1933 to 1939 and embraced some of the cinema's most celebrated musicals. She was outstanding neither as a singer nor as a dancer but she responded triumphantly to Astaire's immaculate professionalism and sense of style. Their's was art that concealed art and what appeared on the screen was a total effacement of a painstaking quest for spontaneity and grace.

In the context of her career the musicals she made with Astaire formed a relatively small part. In other films stretching over a period of nearly 30 years, she revealed herself as an expert comedienne and a servicable dramatic actress with a particular talent for impersonating children.

Above all, Ginger Rogers was a star who never lost the common tough. She remained at heart the ordinary, jolly working girl, not very different from scores of others who dreamed of making it into the movies and getting a dance with Fred Astaire.

She was born Virginia Katherine McMath in Independence, Missouri, an only child, and owed her early success in showbusiness to the shrewd guidance of her formidable mother, Lela Rogers, who later became a Hollywood scriptwriter. It was mother who decided that she was not ready to sign the film contract of a child actress. The name Ginger was given to her by a cousin, Helen, who could not say her "v"s. Because of this, Virginia became Dinda and then Ginger.

Her professional debut still came at the age of 14, as a dancer with Eddie Foy's troupe at Fort Worth, Texas. She went on to win a Charlston contest, and thus launched her professional career. She worked extraordinarily hard as a young girl, crisscrossing the country in trains with her mother, performing in theatres, clubs and on the New York stage, living out of suitcases in hotel rooms. It was this discipline which gave her the strength to shoulder such an extraordinary workload later in Hollywood. She appeared in some nine films in 1933 alone.

Having formed a Vaudeville act, Ginger and Pepper, with her first husband, Jack Pepper and appeared in several short films, she arrived on Broadway in 1929 when she played the second female lead in the Broadway musical *Top Speed* and went into another Broadway show, George Gershwin's *Girl Crazy*. The Gershwins had written *But Not For Me* especially for her and she opened the show with the lovely *Embraceable You*. During rehearsals, the producers were dissatisfied with this last numer and called in the expert help of Astaire, then starring on Broadway with his sister Adele. Astaire watched the routine in the theatre lobby and said, "Here, Ginger, try it with me".

In 1930 she made her first feature film *Young Man of Manhattan* singing and wise-cracking as the girlfriend of Charles Ruggles and uttering a famous line: "Cigarette me, big boy". After serving an apprenticeship in broad comedy she switched with immediate success to musicals. She was the social climbing Anytime Annie in *42nd Street* (1933) and had a strong supporting part as a wisecracking bottle blonde in *Gold Diggers of 1933* (1933), a Busby Berkeley extravaganza and her first real break.

One day on set she was handed the opening song, *We're in the Money*, and told to learn it by the evening, ready for the next day's shooting. She went into a corner and after three hours had become so confident that she started improvising on the lyrics with nonsense words: "Er'way in-hay the oney-may". Darryl Zanuck stopped to listen and was so impressed that he insisted she do it exactly the same way to open the film. This is how the film starts, the camera zooming in on Rogers wearing nothing but a coin-specked gold bikini.

She first appeared with Astaire in *Flying Down to Rio* (1933). The nominal female lead was Dolores Del Rio and Astaire was making only his second film but Fred and Ginger stole the picture. They were paired again in the *Gay Divorcee* (1934) and while Rogers continued and while Rogers continued to make a string of excellent non-musicals, her international popularity rested on her work with Astaire.

In films like *Top Hat* (1935), *Follow the Fleet* (1936), *Swing Time* (1936), and *Shall We Dance* (1936) the couple gave cinemagoers of the 1930s some of their happiest moments. With banal plots, usually Astaire in romantic pursuit of Rogers, they were the sheerest escapism and at the same time consumate art, even if Rogers' feet were often raw and bleeding by the time the demanding Astaire decided that a take was good enough to print.

Despite the inevitable speculation, their partnership in fact never strayed from a professional footing. They rarely saw each other on a social basis, and Astaire's wife, who insisted on coming on to the set, would sit on the sidelines and knit. She would also vet scripts with Astaire to make sure there was no kissing beteen Astaire and Rogers. Ginger was mildly amused by this, and by the fact that critics never never quite judged her on the same level as Astaire as a dancer. Her favourite cartoon had a couple commenting on a poster for Astaire: "Sure he was great, but don't forget Ginger Rogers did everything he did, backwards and in high heels.

After playing real-life dancers in their 9th film, *The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle* (1939), Astaire and Rogers went their separate ways. Wanting to prove herself as a dramatic actress, Rogers found no difficulty striking out on her own and during the 1940s she was one of America's highest paid women. Notable among her films during the period were the comedy *Bachelor Mother* (1939), with David Niven, as a shop-girl who finds an abandoned baby, and the drama *Kitty Foyle* (1948) for which she won her only Oscar as a proud young Irish salesgirl who marries above her class and comes to regret it.

In 1943 she played the title role in Roxy Hart, sporting a bubble cut for a boisterous piece about a showgirl takng a murder rap. After Kitty Foyle, her best juvenile role was in *The Major and the Minor* (1942), a comedy about a girl posing as a child to travel half-fare. It marked the American directing debut of Billy Wilder.

Rogers remained a star until the mid-1950s, though her films became gradually less distinguised. Replacing Judy Garland, who withdrew through illness, she partnered Astaire again, in the MGM musical, *The Barkleys of Broadway* (1949). The reunion proved popular with the public but the film was not up to the standard of their 1930s work.

In 1952 she played opposite Cary Grant and a chimpanzee in the Howard Hawks comedy *Monkey Business* and the pick of her later roles was the gangster's moll in *Tight Spot* (1955), with Edward G. Robinson. Her last film appearance was as Jean Harlow's mother in *Harlow* in 1965.

Long before this she had been trying to widen her options through television and the stage. A bizarre and forgettable television project was a live BBC musical, *Carissima* transmitted in 1959, in which she neither sang nor danced. She was luckier in the theatre, taking over from Carol Channing in the Broadway production of *Helly Dolly!* (1965) and starring in a London production of *Mame* (1969) for which her fee of £250,000 was the highest then paid to an artist in the West End. In the late 1970s she had her last incarnation as a revue artist, touring America and appearing in Paris and at the London Palladium. She published her autobiography, *Ginger: My Story* in 1991.

Like her mother, Ginger was a devout Christian Scientist. This gave her an almost puritanical streak in some respects, a determination never to let her standards slip, or to be influenced by Hollywood habits she disapproved of. For example, in keeping with her Christian Science faith she never drank, and though she threw many Hollwood parties, they were teetotal affairs.

Her five marriages all ended in divorce. Her second husband was the actor Lew Ayres; her third, Jack Briggs; her fourth another actor, William Bergerac; and her fifth, William Marshall, an actor and producer.

MARION TINSLEY

Marion Tinsley, world draughts champion, 1955-58 and 1975-92, died from cancer on April 3 aged 68. He was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, on February 3, 1927.

MARION TINSLEY dominated the game of draughts for more than forty years. Having won the world draughts championship for the first time in 1955 and retired undefeated three years later, he emerged from retirement to win the title again in 1975, retiring — again undefeated — in 1992. He was a tall, elegant, witty man who loved sports and dancing — in many ways the opposite of the popular image of a draughts player.

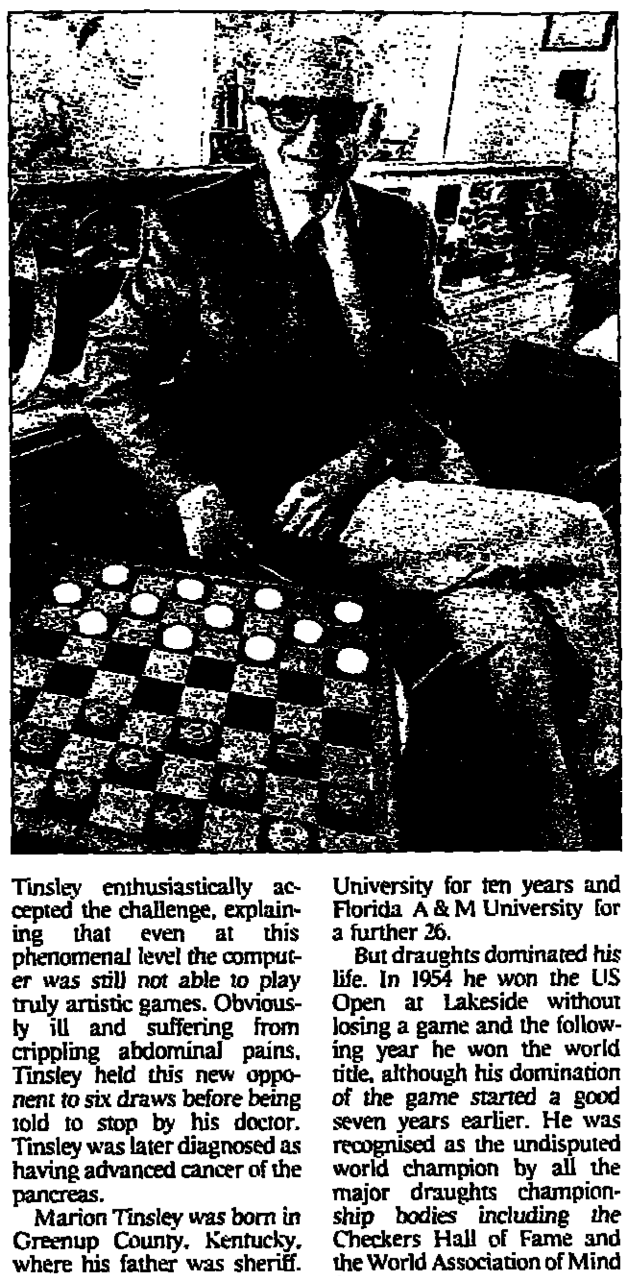
He contested thousands of top-level tournaments and many one-on-one matches for local, national and world championships. Throughout these he lost only nine games. His crowning achievement came, however, in retirement, when he took on a computer named Chinook in London in 1992. Programmed by Professor Jonathan Schaeffer of Edmonton University, Canada, Chinook could calculate three million moves a minute and had a database of 18 billion positions, including all of Tinsley's greatest games.

Before the match observers were predicting that Tinsley was heading for certain defeat. Tinsley, however, appeared amused by his challenger, which he liked to compare to a postgraduate student: "very bright, very dedicated, willing to work on problems all night while I sleep — but it can't really *think*!"

Tinsley gradually dominated the mechanical mind. Going into the 39th game, he had notched up 19½ points to the computer's 18½. All Tinsley needed to retain his title was a draw, while the computer had to win the game.

Most of the grandmasters watching thought Tinsley was in fact losing the game until the very end when they realised that Tinsley had correctly calculated 31 moves ahead, and had defeated the computer — this after having played four games a day, for as much as 12 hours a day for the previous two weeks. Upon the computer's resignation, Tinsley rose from his seat, exclaiming "a victory for human beings!"

By the autumn of 1994 Schaeffer's team had raised the power of the computer by many degrees. It could now calculate twelve million moves a minute, and had a database of 118 billion positions. Again



Tinsley enthusiastically accepted the challenge, explaining that even at this phenomenal level the computer was still not able to play truly artistic games. Obviously ill and suffering from crippling abdominal pains, Tinsley held this new opponent to six draws before being told to stop by his doctor. Tinsley was later diagnosed as having advanced cancer of the pancreas.

Marion Tinsley was born in Greenup County, Kentucky, where his father was sheriff. His family lost their 500-acre farm in 1937 in the aftermath of the Depression, and then moved to Columbus, Ohio, where they lived in rented houses and where his mother was forced to work as a maid to make ends meet.

Tinsley was an outstanding scholar and by the age of 14 he had entered Ohio State University to read mathematics. At the same time, he had just discovered draughts — he had played checkers as a child — and the game quickly became an obsession. He studied it seriously, as an exact science, and his passion for the game slowed his progress through university. He finally completed his bachelor's degree in 1950, his master's in 1953 and his doctorate in mathematics in 1957. His chosen profession — mathematics — became in effect little more than a hobby. He taught at Florida State University for ten years and Florida A & M University for a further 26.

But draughts dominated his life. In 1954 he won the US Open at Lakeside without losing a game and the following year he won the world title, although his domination of the game started a good seven years earlier. He was recognised as the undisputed world champion by all the major draughts championship bodies including the Checkers Hall of Fame and the World Association of Mind Sports.

In an early championship match in 1958 he took on the English challenger Derek Oldbury — then the undefeated British champion — and crushed him by nine wins to one loss with 24 games drawn. In 1989 he defeated the number one challenger, the American Paul Davis, by ten wins to none, an extraordinary feat of domination in a game played at this level where most results are expected to be draws.

By 1992, having run out of opposition, he retired as undefeated champion. In recognition of his greatness the draughts world gave him the title of World Champion Emeritus. At the Albert Hall recently he posthumously won the Brain Trust Charity's Brain of the Year Award.

Marion Tinsley is survived by his two brothers and his twin sister.

THE MOST REV ROBERT SELBY TAYLOR

The Most Rev Robert Selby Taylor, CBE, Archbishop of Cape Town, 1964-74, died on April 23 aged 86. He was born on March 1, 1909.

ALTHOUGH he lacked the fame and celebrity of his predecessor, Joost de Blank, Robert Selby Taylor brought his own qualities to Bishopscourt, Claremont, the Archbishop of Cape Town's stylish residence. Every inch the English gentleman, he looked and felt uncommonly at home there — a fitting setting for an Old Harrovian who had spent almost his entire ministry working in Africa.

Born to a county family in Cumberland, Selby Taylor went from Harrow to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, and then on to Cuddesdon Theological College outside Oxford to train for the priesthood. After a curacy in York, he joined the Universities' Mission to Central Africa and in 1935 went to Northern Rhodesia, where he served as a mission priest and then as Principal of the Diocesan Theological College.

In 1941, at the age of 32, and in borrowed episcopal robes, he was consecrated Bishop of Northern Rhodesia. Since the war made travelling to England virtually impossible, he was the first Anglican bishop to be consecrated — by the Bishop of Zanzibar acting as a commissary for the Archbishop of Canterbury — on African soil.

Before he became Archbishop, and Metropolitan of the Province of South Africa, Selby Taylor was to be appointed to two other sees — Pretoria in 1951 and Grahamstown in 1959. He was, therefore, fully qualified to take over as Archbishop when Joost de Blank was forced to retire and return to England through ill-health in 1963. Unlike his predecessor, he did not believe in the politics of confrontation and, while firmly opposing apartheid, talked quietly behind the scenes with representatives of the National Party Government. It fell to his lot nonetheless to be Primate during some of the darkest days of racist repression. He himself became a South African citizen because he believed reform had to come from within.

He retired as Archbishop after ten years in 1974 but five years later was called out of retirement to be Bishop of his first diocese (by then called Central Zambia) and spent five years nurturing the laity and the clergy who were then able to elect an indigenous bishop.

He retired for the second time to Cape Town, where Archbishop Desmond Tutu conferred on him the title of Archbishop Emeritus and where he gave his private wealth to provide a home, Braehead House, for retired Oratorians and diocesan clergy. He was appointed CBE in 1983 for his services to theological education in Africa and, on the fiftieth anniversary of his consecration in 1991, the Archbishop of Canterbury awarded him a Lambeth DD.

It was said of Selby Taylor that he was neither a scholar, a preacher nor an administrator but instead a leader of great integrity who listened and prayed and cared. He was a mixture of prelate and missionary with an amazing amount of physical energy: even in his eighties he swam regularly and walked great distances.

Cancer was diagnosed about a year ago but he was able to live to see South Africa's first free elections and the emergence of Nelson Mandela as the country's new President. He had personally encouraged many of the leaders of the Anglican Church in Africa.

Unmarried, Selby Taylor was a Brother of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd and made his profession in 1937. He died at the home he had founded, Braehead House, Cape Town.

ON THIS DAY

April 26 1825

Burma had already swallowed Assam, and its threat to Bengal led to the first Burmese War.

THE BURMESE WAR

The *Gazette* accounts from India, published yesterday, would be read with the greater satisfaction because they demonstrate how little the Indian empire had to dread from any military qualities possessed by the unfortunate Burmans. When we see it written by a gallant officer,——who takes, by the way, his full share of credit for the achievement,——that four British and 10 or 11 native battalions, reckoning, we presume, on the outside five or six thousand effective men, attacked and totally defeated an army of fifty or sixty thousand, our admiration of the boldness which impelled the British troops is even exceeded by our mingled compassion and contempt for the wretched multitude from whose hands they escaped with impunity. Between two and three hundred individuals of all ranks, employments and colours, constituted the sum total of the British loss, in the course of what, for want of better words, we must call a "general engagement" with these barbarians. Why! brickbats were scarce, or they must have pelted us all to death, had they tried it. Then again, the artillery brought into the field by the Burmans were no less than "300" guns, of which "240" remained in our posssession. Now we have no desire what ever to disparage the skill of Sir Archibald Campbell, who really seems to have understood his enemies, and to have practised upon their ignorance and stupid insolence with equal dexterity and success: as little is it our intention to detract from the bravery of the soldiers; their readiness to face such an imposing array of force was in itself no common effort of heroism; and if their enemy was unworthy of them, the fault was not theirs: but we do allege, that the military incapacity of the Burmans was not more surprising than the civil or political barbarism of the Bengal government, which threw away such immense preparations, and incurred an expense so ruinous, upon an occasion so little adequate to either. The object of the Burman General was plainly to annihilate Sir Archibald Campbell in the first instance, so as to have his whole force ready for operations on the Chittagong frontier, undisturbed by any fear from the Rangoon division of the British troops. The folly of our own Government was repaired by that of the Burmese. Had the latter but threatened an attack, instead of making one, Sir Archibald Campbell could not have advanced into their country without discredit to the British cause.

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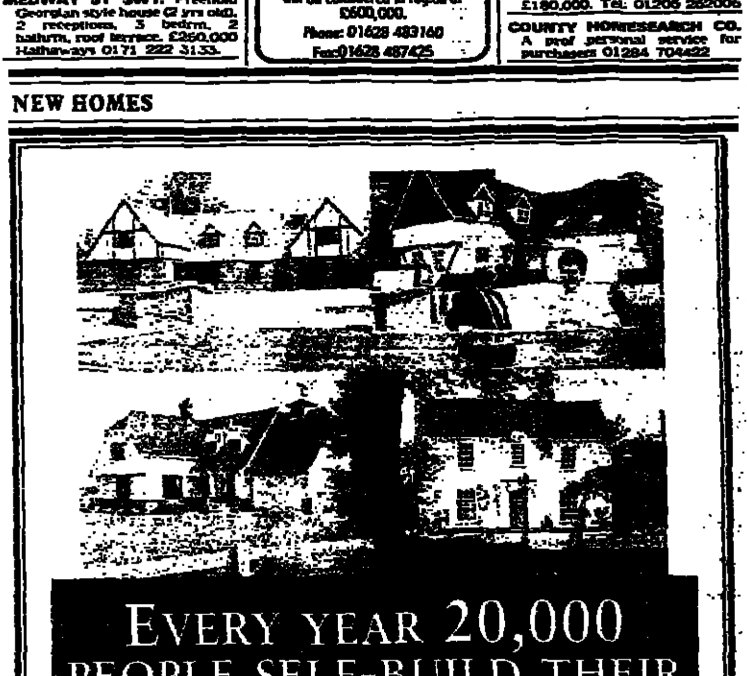

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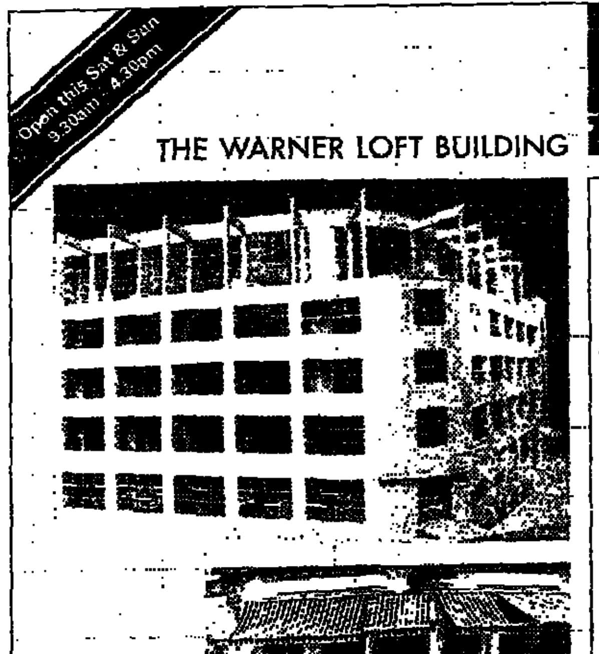

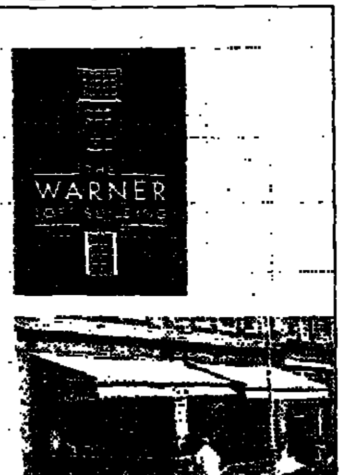

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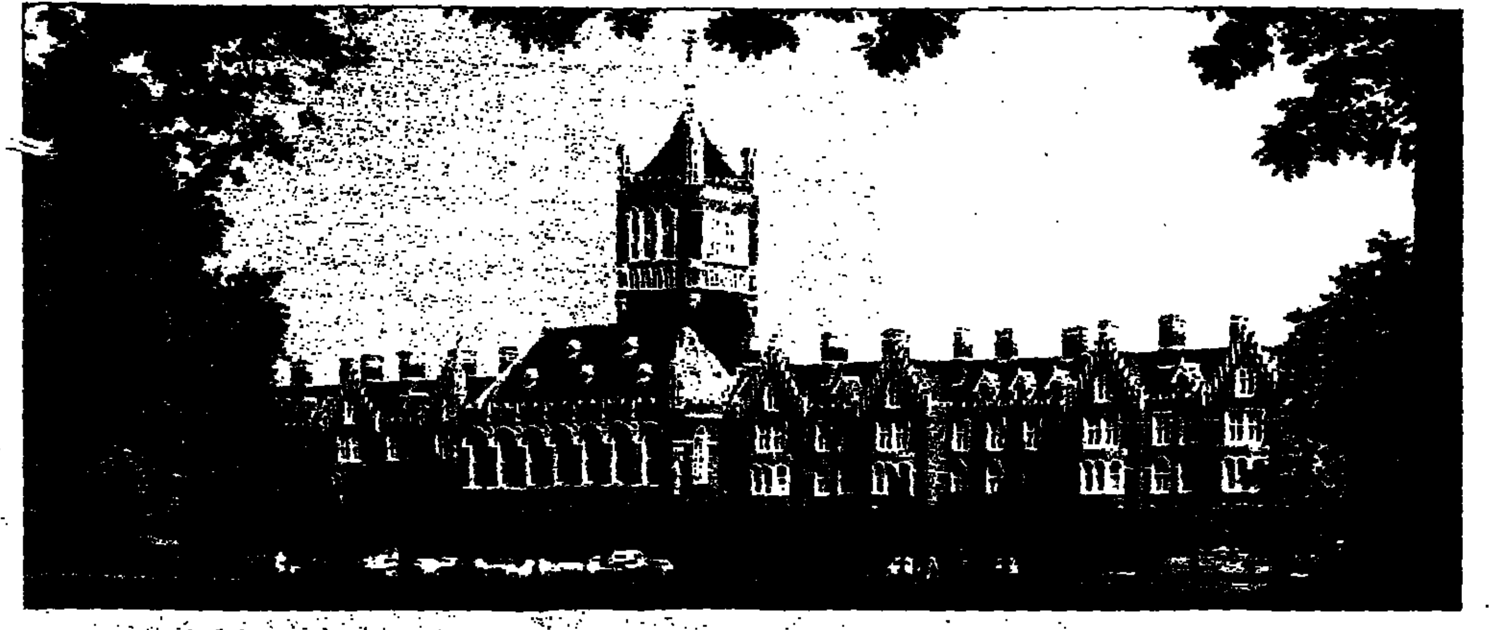


Empty for 14 years, the Holloway Sanatorium building is now being converted vertically to provide 23 three- and four-storey homes

House built on ointment

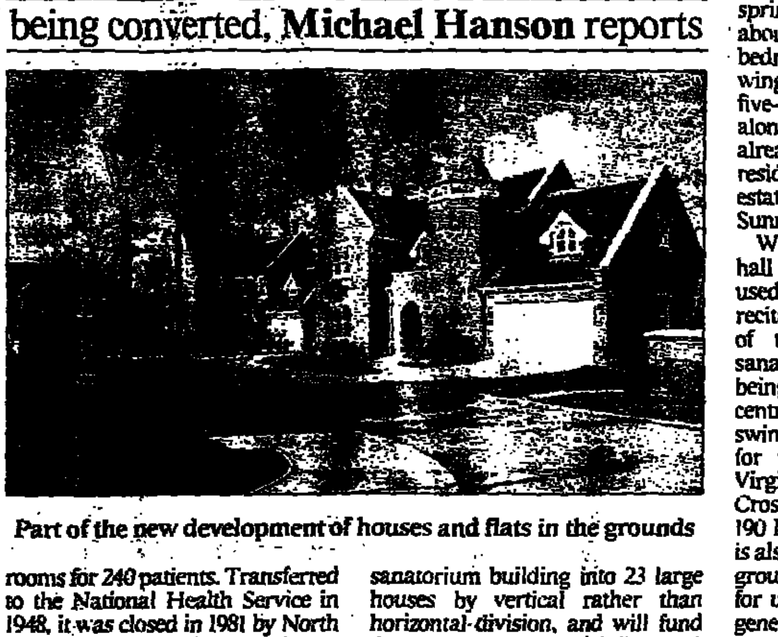
Thomas Holloway's potions made him a fortune and built a sanatorium. Now it is being converted, Michael Hanson reports

An extraordinary restoration scheme is taking place at Virginia Water in Surrey — the salvation of a building whose hammerbeam [illegible] is considered the finest in England after that of Westminster Hall in the Houses of Parliament.

This is Holloway Sanatorium, the lesser of two Grade 1 listed Victorian buildings in the area (the other is Royal Holloway College at Egham). Both were built by Thomas Holloway, an opportunist medicine man who made a fortune from "Holloway's family ointment" (the curative properties were said to be worthless) and from a patent medicine allegedly made mainly from rhubarb.

Holloway sold his potions at 244 The Strand, which was demolished in 1867 to make way for the Law Courts. He was one of the pioneers of mass advertising, spending £50,000 a year (equivalent to about £1.9 million today) in newspapers in every known language in all parts of the world.

Married but childless, Holloway decided to devote his wealth to worthy causes. Heeding the appeal of the social reformer Lord Shaftesbury for philanthropists to found lunatic asylums for the lower middle classes, he bought 24 acres at Virginia Water in 1871 and held an architectural competition for the design of a sanatorium. This was won by a Yorkshire architect, William H. Crossland, who based his Gothic design on the Cloth Hall at Ypres in Belgium. It had 480 rooms for 240 patients. Transferred to the National Health Service in 1948, it was closed in 1981 by North West Surrey Regional Health Authority, which sold the Victorian pile to a developer for a pittance.



Part of the new development of houses and flats in the grounds

After standing empty and decaying for 14 years, it was bought last autumn by Octagon Developments, an award-winning private property company started 15 years ago by two chartered quantity surveyors, Roger Wyatt and David James.

Octagon is to convert the main sanatorium building into 23 large houses by vertical rather than horizontal division, and will fund the restoration by building 190 houses and flats in its park-like walled grounds.

The sanatorium has now been renamed Crossland House. Already the roofs of the tower, the great hall and the lesser hall have been repaired, their brickwork cleaned and their vandalised stained-glass windows replaced (at a cost of £125,000 alone) under the architectural supervision of Gareth Howell of the Brighton-based Howell Smith Partnership.

The showhouse in Crossland House will not be ready until next spring. Prices will range from about £300,000 for the three-bedroom, three-storey houses in the wings, up to about £750,000 for the five-bedroom, four-storey houses along the main front. They are already attracting interest from residents of the nearby private estates of Wentworth and Sunningdale.

When the restoration of the great hall is finished in 1998, it will be used as a concert hall for private recitals. A smaller hall at the back of the tower, which was the sanatorium's recreation hall, is being converted into a leisure centre. This will have an indoor swimming pool and gymnasium for use by all the residents of Virginia Park — not just those in Crossland House, but those in the 190 houses and apartments. There is also a Grade I listed chapel in the grounds, which is being restored for use as a badminton court and general purpose hall.

Away from Crossland House, construction of the first 44 of the 122 houses is already under way, with 22 already sold, many of them well before completion. These new houses have also been designed by the Howell Smith Partnership.

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What to pay for a flat around the world

The property market in Britain is not the only one to have suffered from recession. Although prices in London at the top end of the market have, in some places, recovered the same values as were seen in 1988-89, the rest of the country is still staggering along. In other parts of the world a similar picture is being drawn, with the exception of Hong Kong and Tokyo.

In Tokyo property prices were extremely high, on a par with Hong Kong, but land prices have now plummeted. "They were highly overpriced in Tokyo," Peter Jawanda, research analyst for Knight Frank & Rutley, says. "They rose steeply for a decade and because of the recession they have now crashed."

In Hong Kong, prices are still 3.5 times higher than in London. They spiralled in the early 1990s because of rising land prices, with everyone buying in anticipation of 1997. Now the market has peaked, money is going elsewhere — much of it into London — and prices are dropping.

Knight Frank & Rutley has just compiled an International Prime Apartment Survey, which it intends to update annually. The basis of its comparison is a high-quality, three-bedroom apartment within a prestige central city location. "We have selected property which would appeal to international senior executives," Mr Jawanda says.

The survey shows that Hong Kong is by far the most expensive city, with prices having leapt 50 per cent from 1992 to 1994. A poor second are Singapore's districts 9 and 10 (where the former Barings dealer Nick Leeson lived), about one-third cheaper to buy.

In the Peak district of Hong Kong, the most fashionable area, £2.5 million buys a three-bedroom luxury flat; £15,600 a month will rent the same property. In London, the same sort of property in Knightsbridge would cost £800,000 to buy or £3,400 a month to rent. In Tokyo's premier location, Hiro-o, prices are now the fourth most expensive in the world, and a freehold apartment is worth only a third of its 1992 value.

Knight Frank & Rutley says that London is the only European location which has recorded an increase in prices in the past two years. Other European locations have seen price reductions of 6 to 20 per cent for purchases and up to 28 per cent in lettings.

"European prices will start to stabilise with a slight growth in some areas, such as London. Hong Kong apartments are now witnessing a decrease in values, up to 35 per cent from their peak: another drop of 5 to 10 per cent is expected within the next six months," Mr Jawanda says.

In Tokyo, Mahato Hayashi, of Knight Frank Baillieu, says: "Prices have slid 24 per cent in 1994 alone. Further rapid decline is expected in freehold residential prices and short-term letting prices are also set to decline, albeit to a more moderate level."

The cheapest area to buy is Stockholm, then Brussels, Milan, Madrid and Paris. San Francisco and Sydney are very slightly more expensive, with Munich next and New York on a par with the fallen Tokyo prices.

Lassmans has a flat in Mayfair which it compares to something of similar quality in the 16th *arrondissement* of Paris. In the French capital, an apartment on the first and second floor of a small private building with four small bedrooms, two bathrooms, one reception room and kitchen would cost about £500,000. In Mayfair, this price would buy a two-bedroom flat with bigger rooms and two reception rooms.

"At this level, you would get more for your money in Paris," Anthony Lassman says, "and at the very top of the market, properties seem to attract a very high premium wherever you go." His firm is selling a three-bedroom flat in Fountain House, overlooking Park Lane, which has been interior-designed, for £1.2 million. In Paris, £1 million could buy you a six-bedroom flat on two floors with parking and a private garden.

In Beverly Hills, the market "has dropped by 30 to 40 per cent", says Pippa Thorman of Aylesfords. She is selling a house described as a Mediterranean villa for £3.3 million. "Although prime properties are holding up, the market has not yet flattened out and I am sure the house could be bought for much less."

Property prices are rising fast in India. They have doubled over the past year around Bombay. Lending institutions are beginning to relax their rules and are starting to lend to construction companies for residential properties.

On the Continent, Portugal, Spain and Italy are the places to invest, says Nick Kibble, of Sotheby's International Realty. "With the present currency situation, Spain and Portugal are a good bet."

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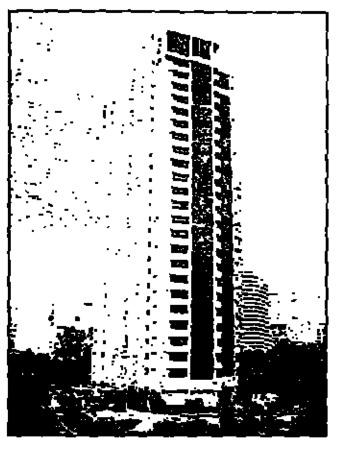

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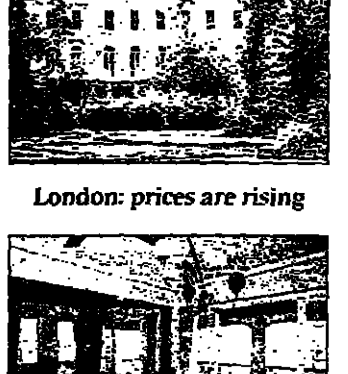

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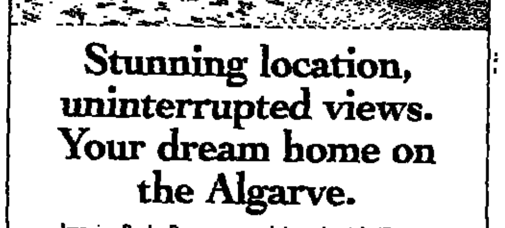

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Up to 300 of the most dangerous and violent prisoners would be held in the jail, modelled on American "supermax" prisons, *in a reversal of a 30-year-old policy of moving high-security* inmates. Derek Lewis, who has had his contract as director-general of the prison service extended, is touring American jails with Michael Forsyth, the prisons minister .... **Pages 1, 17**

Dancing star Ginger Rogers dies at 83

■ Ginger Rogers, whose dancing with Fred Astaire dazzled *generations of filmgoers, died yesterday at her home in* California. She was 83. She appeared in 73 films and won the 1940 Oscar for Best Actress .... **Pages 1, 19**

Envoys summoned

Britain's leading ambassadors will have to convince a committee dominated by senior industrialists that they are worth a 50 per *cent pay increase and up to* £150,000 a year .... **Page 1**

Surrender claim

Tony Blair taunted the Prime Minister with hoisting the white *flag of surrender as the Tory* Euro-rebels made a defiant return to the fold .... **Pages 1, 8, 17**

Whiff of Europe

Meteorologists have blamed an *easterly airstream for carrying an unpleasant stench from* mainland Europe across much of England .... **Page 1**

Doctor's award

A junior doctor who contemplated *suicide* because of depression caused by overwork has received compensation from a health authority .... **Page 2**

Engagement sacking

A woman who joined a company run by fundamentalist Christians told an industrial tribunal that when she announced her engage*ment she was dismissed because* the firm did not approve of married women working .... **Page 3**

Family food link

Eating disorders in adolescents are often directly related to the *state of family relationships*, a lecturer in psychiatry has claimed .... **Page 4**

Pledge on classes

Independent school heads added to the furore over class sizes by announcing a drop in the number of pupils per member of staff and *promising to maintain small* groups, even at the cost of higher fees .... **Page 6**

Oklahoma toll fear

The final death toll from the *Oklahoma City bombing could* exceed 200, the White House said as the prime suspect for the atrocity refused to cooperate with investigators.............. **Page 12x**

Supplies cut off

Tutsi soldiers cut off food and water to the last Hutus besieged in Kibeho camp in southwest *Rwanda, where thousands were* slaughtered..................... **Page 12**

Wooing the Right

France's two presidential camps have begun the delicate task of wooing the *4.5 million* voters who chose Jean-Marie Le Pen in the first round .... **Page 13**

Iraq rejects UN deal

Iraq's National Assembly rejected a UN plan that would have *allowed the country to sell oil to* raise money for food and other supplies............................**Page 11**

Berlusconi blow

Silvio Berlusconi's leadership of the Italian Right was questioned *by his allies as they reeled from a* humiliating defeat in regional elections .... **Page 13**

Amateurs have a brush with celebrity

■ The works of more than 2,000 "Sunday painters" are to be celebrated in an exhibition in London organised by the Society of Amateur Artists. *Among works featured are flower studies in watercolour* by Dame Vera Lynn, an oil, *From the Garden*, by Dame Catherine Cookson, and a pencil sketch of a French peasant done by Sir Harry Secombe in 1949 .... **Page 5**

CHRIS EADES

Rescue workers try to keep a stranded killer whale from drying out at Pegwell Bay, near Ramsgate, Kent. Report, page 1

BUSINESS

***Economy:** Booming National Lottery* sales helped the service industries to raise British economic growth *in the first quarter of this* year by *much more than the* City expected ....**Page 23**

IoD: British business largely accepts that Labour will win the next *election, the leader of the Institute* of Directors said ....**Page 23**

British Gas: Clare Spottiswoode, the gas industry regulator, rejected the suggestion that she should be given a say in setting executive pay at British Gas...................**Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 5.6 points to close at 3214.9. *Sterling's trade-weighted index* fell from 84.2 to 84.1 after a rise from $1.6075 to $1.6140 and from DM2.2023 to DM2.2034....**Page 26**

SPORT

Snooker: *Stephen Hendry* equalled the record of 18 consecutive world championship victories when he beat *Ronnie O'Sullivan* 13-8 in the quarter-finals at Sheffield .... **Page 44**

Cricket: Hansie Cronje, South Africa's captain, scored 158 for Leices*tershire in the Benson and Hedges* Cup match against Lancashire at Old Trafford ....**Page 41**

Football: The pitch for Germany's European championship match against Wales in Düsseldorf had to be returfed after an American football match .... **Page 42**

Rugby league: Martin Offiah *signed a four-year contract with* Wigan as the Australian Rugby League and the new Super League struggle continued .... **Page 38**

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Singing praises: Next week *marks* the centenary of Lorenz Hart, one of the greatest lyricists who ever lived, and every song-loving person should celebrate............... **Page 30**

Private passions: Air force husbands and anxious wives grapple with relationships in a revival of *Terence Rattigan's Flare Path* at the Bristol Old Vic........... **Page 30**

Animal art: The Tate Gallery's new exhibition of British sporting art pulls no punches, making up in gore what it lacks in political correctness .... **Page 31**

Flag waving: It is about time Britain had its own museum of *national history*, argues Kenneth Hudson, one of the people leading the campaign to win lottery funding ....**Page 32**

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IN THE TIMES

■ FALL GUY
Geoff Brown on Brad Pitt in the new Hollywood blockbuster, *Legends of the Fall*

■ BODY AND MIND
Why aren't British doctors using blood tests that could save patients' lives?

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***Regular folk:** It is hard to imagine a* place more emotionally and psychologically unprepared for such devastation than *Oklahoma City*, says Ben Macintyre........ **Page 15**

Jackie O: "Even when she was alive *she* was more mythic than real," says Professor Wayne Koestenbaum .... **Page 15**

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Secretary smart: *Short-sleeved* shirts and stretch pencil skirts are essential for summer .... **Page 14**

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David Kogan: The new managing director of Reuters Television says that his *immediate aim is to take on* the broadcasters by producing more tailor-made services for clients.................................**Page 37**

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Most of the Hutu and Tutsi lived together in peace before and want to do so again. But with powerful forces on both sides of Rwanda's *ethnic divide committed* to violence, there are limits to what outsiders can do to end the conflict

—*The New York Times*

Since the other big European countries continue to be governed by conservatives, it is likely that France's Government will not be *very different*

—*The Washington Post*

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***Preview:** Sean Bean eschews* acting for dalliance in *Sharpe* (ITV) and *Modern Times* (BBC 2) looks at Eurotunnel's prospects. **Review:** Lynne Truss *found* last night's schedules filled with studies of delusion and obsession, from *Omnibus* to *QED*, *Minders* to *Air-Conditioned Eden* .... **Page 43**

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Ship adrift

Ships that turn off their engines in choppy seas tend to get buffeted by waves. That is *what has happened to the Government* in the run-up to the local elections .... **Page 17**

Pike in the thatch

The Irish republican movement has no right to demand further concessions. A gesture of good faith *from the IRA is required*... **Page 17**

Sayonara, Mr Chips

The only growth areas for boarding schools come from going coeducational, from the children of divorced parents and from foreigners .... **Page 17**

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SIMON JENKINS

If the law now considers a marriage so important that it should take a year to dismantle, why *should it not take a year to construct?* If there is to be a statutory "period of reflection" before a divorce is granted, why not a similar period before granting a marriage licence? ....**Page 16**

ALAN COREN

There is nothing like a Portuguese sardine, but who could eat them while their country toiled beneath the Fascist yoke? That is why April 25, 1974, was such a big day for us anti-Fascists..........................**Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

With a paper Commons majority now barely in double figures, a determined group can always defy the party leadership, provided they have the support of their constituency parties .... **Page 8**

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Ginger Rogers, Hollywood dancer and actress; **Marion Tinsley**, former world draughts champion; **The Most Rev Robert Selby Taylor**, Archbishop of Cape Town 1964-74 .... **Page [illegible]**

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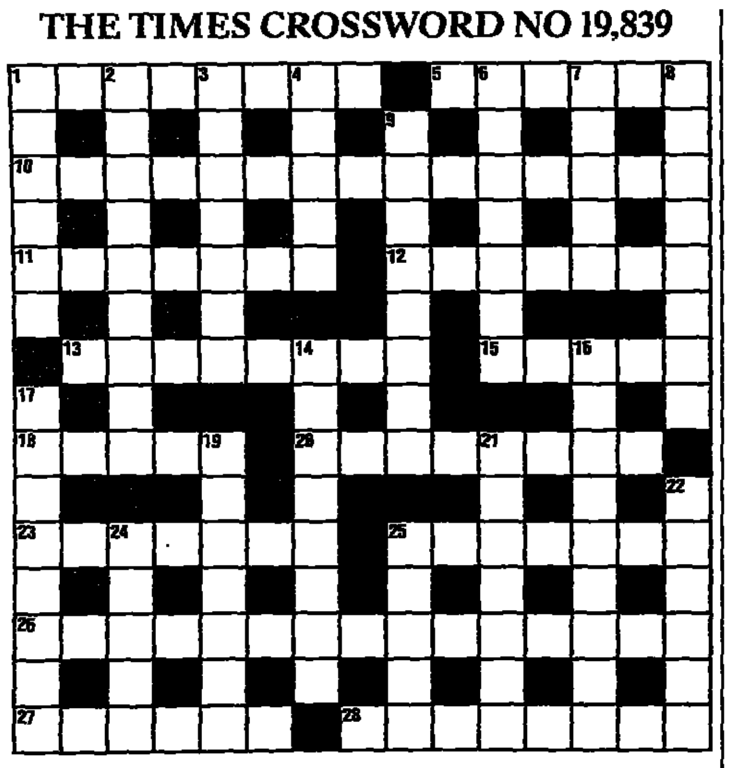

ACROSS

1 Drop by and I will put an end to suspense (8)
5 When someone's speaking you interrupt — so do I — that's naughty and offensive (6)
10 Written like an old movie (2,5,3,5)
11 The sort of dome that's stuffed with religious belief (7)
12 Drawn 18, demanding overturn of draw (7)
13 Water above the average in quality (8)
15 French man and wife take part in recreation (5)
18 Sycorax, perhaps, carrying around Caliban early on (5)
20 Being distracted, reinfect with disorder (8)
23 By dubious means, he wins a billion 13 had invested (7)
25 He works in a diamond mine — he's in credit (7)
26 It's seldom Columbian gets involved with one twice (4,2,1,4,4)
27 Well-known Indian, the nominal producer of buffalo butter (6)
28 Some sin and end in the pit (8)

DOWN

1 Features in letter to the king (6)
2 Thereafter fuel went under a different name (9)
3 One periodical that's dropped its centre picture (7)
4 Compare Liberal president with Nationalist leader (5)
6 Elderly lady always making the same bet (7)
7 Author who was bilingual? Yes (5)
8 Leave pond wet, shivering, after drastically curtailed swim (4,4)
9 A fly was quiet (3-5)
14 Give a pupil knowledge appropriate to everyday life (8)
16 Live near Edinburgh, moving daughter out to make room for old (9)
17 Last act features one-time wife of Beery, W. (4-4)
19 It's very hard to get round island, very hard (7)
21 Request partial translation of 'ventre à terre' (7)
22 Tree house (6)
24 Set up centre to give advice about food (5)
25 Steps — purveyors of ladders know about their origins (5)

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by five per cent of the competitors at the 1995 York regional final of The Times Crossword Championship

Solution to Puzzle No 19,838

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Pembrey Sands, Dyfed, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Poole, Dorset, 0.59in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 12.9hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of England and Wales will start rather cloudy but apart from some showers in the south and east it should be mostly dry, and *many places will become brighter*.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry, but in the northeast of Scotland a few showers are likely, wintry on the hills.

It will be generally cooler than recently with a brisk northeast breeze.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, SW England, Channel Isles:** sunny spells developing, scattered thundery showers. Winds northeast moderate, locally fresh. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England:** rather cloudy, becoming brighter for a time, *risk of showers later. Winds northeast* moderate, locally fresh. Max 15C (59F) in most places; max 10C (50F) on the coast.

☐ **Midlands, Central N England, S Wales:** mainly dry, rather cloudy at first, sunny or clear spells later. Winds, northeast moderate. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lakes, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry with clear or sunny spells. Winds, northeast *moderate or fresh*. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** rather cloudy with *some bright or sunny intervals*. Winds northeast fresh. Max 12C (54F); cooler on coasts.

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny or clear spells and showers, wintry on hills. Winds northeast, fresh, locally strong. *Max 7C (45F)*.

☐ **Outlook:** a little rain in the far southwest, otherwise mostly dry with *clear or sunny spells. Rather cool with* a risk of ground frost in places.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.09	10	50	r
Anglesey	3.7	-	11	52	b
Aspatria	1.6	0.11	9	48	r
Aviemore	2.6	0.23	6	43	r
Belfast	8.3	-	13	55	b
Birmingham	-	0.07	9	48	c
Bognor R	-	0.09	10	50	sh
Bournem'th	-	0.51	10	50	r
Bristol	0.5	0.08	11	52	r
Buxton	0.1	0.05	9	48	d
Cardiff	1.1	0.17	13	55	r
Clacton	0.2	0.03	11	52	c
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	1.1	0.08	10	50	c
Doncaster	-	0.05	11	52	r
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	-	0.15	10	50	du
Edinburgh	2.2	0.06	10	50	r
Eskdalemuir	2.1	0.15	7	45	r
Exmouth	0.1	0.05	12	54	r
Falmouth	X	-	12	54	c
Fishguard	6.7	-	11	52	r
Folkestone	-	0.05	11	52	du
Glasgow	X				
Guernsey	-	0.02	11	52	r
Hastings	-	0.19	10	50	c
Hayling I	-	0.09	10	50	r
Herne Bay	-	0.03	11	52	du
Hove	-	0.18	10	50	du
Hunstanton	-	0.06	X	X	r
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	4.6	-	11	52	c
Jersey	-	0.13	11	52	r
Kinloss	2.4	0.05	7	45	r
Leeds	0.2	0.12	10	50	r
Lerwick	8.2	-	8	46	b
Leuchars	4.3	0.05	12	54	r
Littlehmptn	-	0.09	10	50	r
Liverpool	-	0.02	11	52	r
London	-	0.14	10	50	du
Lowestoft	1.9	0.08	X	X	c
Manchester	-	0.04	11	52	r
Margate	-	0.04	11	52	du
Minehead	X				
Morecambe	0.5	0.13	12	54	r
Newcastle	1.3	0.07	9	48	r
Newquay	X				
Norwich	0.5	0.04	12	54	t
Penzance	10.9	-	13	55	s
Plymouth	2.8	-	12	54	c
Poole	-	0.59	11	52	r
Prestatyn	X	-	9	48	c
Ross-o-wye	-	0.06	12	54	du
Ryde	-	0.15	10	50	r
Salcombe	2.3	-	11	52	c
Sandown	-	0.18	10	50	r
Saunton Snd	3.0	0.04	11	52	d
Scarboro'	6.7	0.01	11	52	s
Scilly Isles	12.9	-	13	55	s
Shanklin	-	0.21	9	48	r
Shrewsbury	-	0.06	9	48	r
Skegness	-	0.15	9	48	c
Southend	4.5	0.02	13	55	c
Southport	-	0.03	11	52	sh
Southsea	-	0.08	10	50	sh
Stornoway	2.2	0.04	7	45	r
Swanage	-	0.43	10	50	r
Teignmouth	0.1	0.04	13	55	r
Tenby	7.2	0.03	14	57	r
Tiree	1.3	0.02	10	50	r
Torquay	0.5	0.03	13	55	c
Tynemouth	-	0.03	7	45	du
Ventnor	-	0.28	9	48	r
Weymouth	-	0.32	11	52	r

These are Monday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	12	54	r	Corfu	18	64	r	Majorca	17	63	f	Rome	16	61	c
Akrotiri	21	70	s	Dublin	13	55	s	Malaga	19	66	c	Salzburg	18	64	c
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dubrovnik	12	54	r	Malta	19	66	f	S F'risco	13	55	s
Algiers	19	66	f	Faro	16	61	f	Melb'rne	17	63	c	Santiago	23	73	s
Amst'dm	19	66	s	Florence	13	55	c	Mexico C	25	77	s	S Paulo	25	77	s
Athens	21	70	f	Frankfurt	21	70	c	Miami	29	84	c	Seoul	17	63	c
Bahrain	29	84	s	Funchal	17	63	s	Milan	16	61	f	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bangkok	35	95	f	Geneva	9	48	r	Montreal	9	48	s	Stkholm	12	54	s
Barbados	-	-		Gibraltar	17	63	s	Moscow	24	75	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Barcelona	15	59	f	Helsinki	9	48	c	Munich	16	61	f	Sydney	19	66	c
Beirut	20	68	f	Hong K	29	84	f	Nairobi	27	81	c	Tangier	16	61	s
Belgrade	20	68	f	Innsbrck	14	57	c	Naples	13	55	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	f
Berlin	20	68	c	Istanbul	17	63	s	N Delhi	36	97	s	Tenerife	20	68	s
Bermuda	-	-		Jeddah	30	86	s	N York	13	55	s	Tokyo	17	63	r
Biarritz	10	50	f	Jo'burg	23	73	s	Nice	13	55	f	Toronto	5	41	c
Borde'x	10	50	r	Karachi	32	90	f	Oslo	11	52	r	Tunis	19	66	f
Brussels	19	66	s	L Palmas	20	68	c	Paris	11	52	c	Valencia	19	66	s
Budapst	19	66	f	Le Touqt	14	57	[illegible]	Peking	19	66	s	Vanc'ver	13	55	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Lisbon	15	59	f	Perth	25	77	s	Venice	13	55	f
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Locarno	12	54	c	Prague	14	57	r	Vienna	15	59	f
Chicago	15	59	f	L Angels	28	82	s	Reykjavik	4	39	f	Warsaw	23	73	f
Ch'church	17	63	-	Luxembg	21	70	f	Rhodes	21	70	s	Wash'ton	9	48	c
Cologne	22	72	f	Luxor	35	95	s	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	20	68	c
C'phagn	19	66	s	Madrid	13	55	f	Riyadh	30	86	s	Zurich	12	54	c

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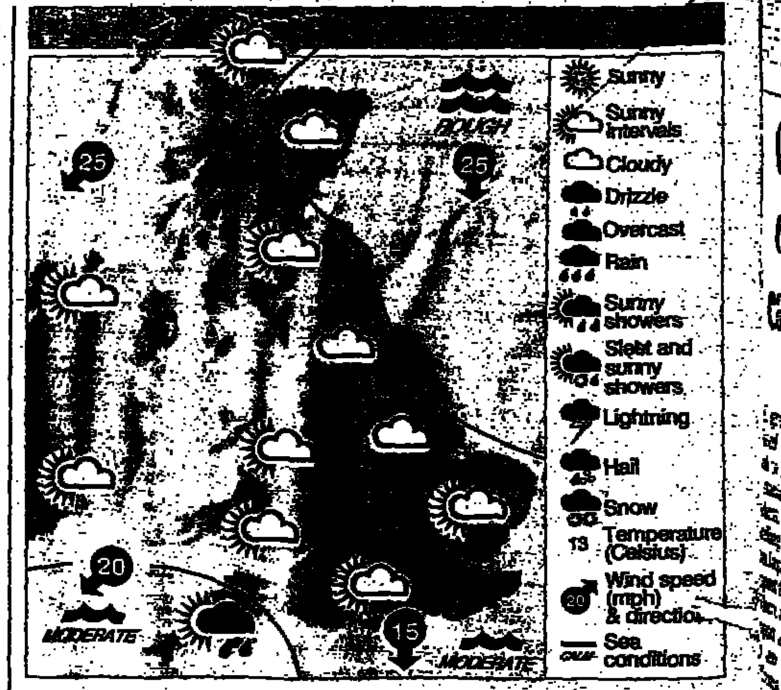

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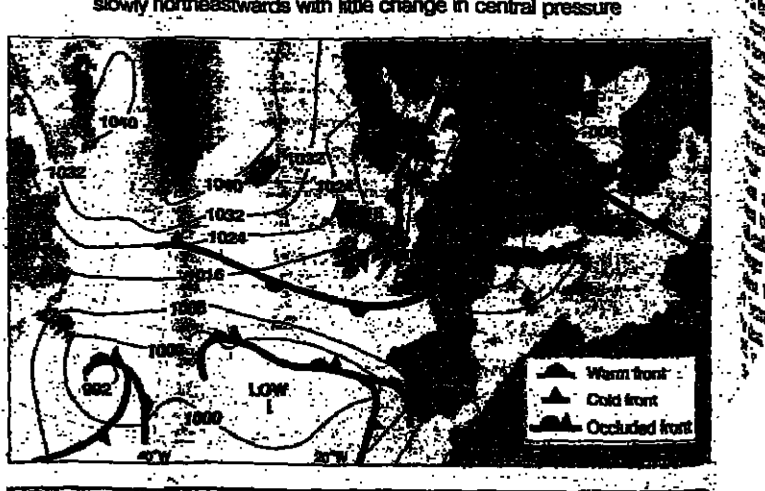

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Avonmouth	4:34	11.82	5:03	11.96
Belfast	8:40	3.26	9:14	3.20
Cardiff	4:20	11.13	4:45	11.21
Devonport	3:07	4.89	3:42	4.89
Dover	8:56	5.92	9:03	6.11
Dublin	9:19	3.91	10:01	3.83
Falmouth	2:36	4.74	3:07	4.65
Glasgow	10:08	4.35	10:29	4.39
Harwich	9:30	3.71	9:48	3.58
Holyhead	8:00	5.88	8:40	5.02
Hull	4:04	6.60	4:03	6.76
Ilfracombe	3:29	8.21	3:57	8.17
King's Lynn	3:45	5.81	4:02	6.15
Leith	0:09	4.87	0:24	4.98
Liverpool	8:48	8.56	9:22	8.48
Lowestoft	7:19	2.30	7:14	2.23
Margate	9:55	4.52	10:09	4.46
Milford Haven	3:48	6.33	4:14	6.13
Newquay	2:35	6.10	3:01	6.07
Oban	3:31	3.42	[illegible]	3.22
Penzance	2:14	4.80	2:45	4.76
Portland	4:06	1.70	4:43	1.71
Portsmouth	9:00	4.15	9:29	4.47
Shoreham	9:03	5.44	9:22	5.78
Southampton	8:34	4.08	8:59	4.33
Swansea	3:53	8.42	4:20	8.45
Tees	1:06	4.89	1:19	4.81
Walton-on-Nze	9:29	3.92	9:49	3.83

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Sun rises: 5.43 am
Sun sets: 8.15 pm
Moon sets: 4.59 pm
Moon rises: 4.16 am

New Moon April 29

London 8.15 pm to 5.41 am
Bristol 8.24 pm to 5.51 am
Edinburgh 8.41 pm to 5.40 am
Manchester 8.29 pm to 5.44 am
Penzance 8.33 pm to 6.07 am

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IoD acknowledges Labour will win next election

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITISH business largely accepts Labour will win the next election, the leader of the free-market Institute of Directors says today. This acknowledgement by the IoD that the Conservatives will be defeated at the next general election is the most open acceptance by British business of the likelihood of a change of government.

Labour leaders will seize on the statement by Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the IoD, as a clear indication of industry's acceptance of the potency of the party's electoral message under Tony Blair, its leader, especially since the IoD has traditionally close associations with the Conservatives and is increasingly allied with the Eurosceptic views of Michael Portillo, Employment Secretary, and others on the Tory right.

In an interview with *The Times* before the IoD's annual conference in London today, Mr Melville-Ross was asked whether the judgment of British business is now that Labour will form the next government. "That has to be so. Many businessmen have concluded they will have to live with a Labour administration," he said.

While the IoD leader makes clear he believes personally the outcome of the election is "far from certain", he said: "Nevertheless, business has to plan over a long time scale, and it has to prepare for the possibility of a Labour government. "So does the IoD. And that's precisely what we are doing. It's important to put what we are doing across to Labour and Conservatives."

Despite his acknowledgment that business largely accepts Labour will win, Mr Melville-Ross strongly maintained a future Labour government would have a damaging impact on Britain's economy.

He added: "It is our responsibility to recognise that there may be a Labour administration. We have to say that now." His statements may prove embarrassing for the senior Conservative figures.

At its conference today, the IoD will stress the importance of winning in world markets — the theme of the convention — which is likely to be seen as further scepticism about an overdependence by the UK on Europe. Speakers include Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, Lord Young, chairman of Cable and Wireless and the institute's president, Peter Sutherland, the Director-General of the World Trade Organisation, and business leaders, including John Towers, Rover's chief executive, and Sir Colin Marshall, British Airways chairman.

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City sees rate increase as inevitable

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

ROBUST growth in services, helped by the booming National Lottery, led to far stronger economic expansion than expected in the first quarter, making the decision to raise interest rates increasingly likely next week.

The City had been expecting the preliminary estimate of the gross domestic product to confirm a marked slowdown. Instead, the figures, published yesterday, showed a first-quarter GDP rise of 0.8 per cent, after seasonal adjustment, compared with the previous quarter. [illegible] growth seen in the final quarter last year and only reduced the annual growth rate to 3.9 per cent from 4.2 per cent, leaving it well above the 3.3 per cent seen in the first quarter last year.

The FT-SE 100 index, at one point up 25, fell back to close only 5.6 ahead at 3,214.9 after the GDP news. Gilts were weaker and the short June sterling future contract slumped 11 basis points to close at 92.75. The pound showed little response, closing at 84.1 on its trade-weighted index, down 0.1.

The latest industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), also published yesterday, indicated that manufacturers expect the economy to decelerate further in the coming months and suggested that price rises in manufacturing could be easing.

[illegible] renewed its call for base rates to be held at the current 6.75 per cent set at the last increase on February 2. But the financial markets took more notice of the GDP data.

The strength of the overall economy, even though the production industries had a broadly flat first quarter, convinced many analysts that a decision to make a half-point rate increase is a near certainty on May 5, when Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, have their next monetary policy meeting.

The authorities are currently confronted with an economy that has sustained the momentum it built up last year, despite monetary tightening, and the risk that the weaker pound is sucking in inflation.

The service sector, which accounts for 63 per cent of overall output, grew 1 per cent in the first quarter, its strongest since the second quarter of last year, with distribution, hotels and catering accounting for a rise of 0.8 per cent, reflecting consumer enthusiasm for entertainment and travel in the absence of a revival in the housing market and high-street spending.

Growth seen in the first quarter is well above the 2.25 per cent annual rate regarded as sustainable in the long term. Mr George has in the past used strong GDP growth as the main justification for raising interest rates.

Base rates have been increased three times in the past eight months to keep control of inflation. The underlying rate is currently at an annual 2.8 per cent, comfortably below the official ceiling of 4 per cent.

Britain's trade deficit with countries outside the European Union narrowed to £263 million last month from a revised shortfall of £371 million in February, with exports and imports showing a downtrend in volume terms.

G7 still divided on how best to calm currencies

From Janet Bush in Washington

THE group of seven industrialised nations yesterday failed to agree an initiative to stabilise the currency markets, the United States standing firm against calls from Japan and Germany to support the dollar.

There was no widespread support at the G7 meeting for any spectacular co-ordinated action to determine the rate of the dollar, such as the Plaza and Louvre accords of the 1980s. Such direct intervention in the currency markets was opposed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who repeated his view that only sound economic policies — zero inflation and cutting government budget deficits — would stabilise markets for the longer term.

Robert Rubin, US Treasury Secretary, has made clear that he is more interested in discussing better systems and procedures to prevent a recurrence of any Mexico-style financial crisis. On the eve of the meeting, he said that there was so much attention on the currencies because this issue was "sort of pizazzy and its here and now". It had always been unlikely that co-ordinated action on currencies could be agreed.

Germany and Japan, which have both cut interest rates recently, argued that the onus was on the US to support the dollar by raising its own rates and, in the longer term, by cutting its budget deficit.

Mr Rubin says, however, that he is happy with economic development in the US and that the economy is heading for a soft landing, with growth gradually slowing and inflation remaining at low levels. His remarks, taken as a sign that the US would not raise rates, sent Wall Street to another record high on Monday.

A large part of the meeting was spent discussing what went wrong in Mexico. There was general support for the view that there should be better surveillance by the IMF.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Confident note: Richard Holland, chief executive of instrument maker Boosey & Hawkes, revealed a 16 per cent rise in 1994 pre-tax profits to £5.1 million. The total dividend for the year rises to 5.9p from 5p out of earnings up 10 per cent to 17p.

Scotland resists nuclear fission

SCOTTISH NUCLEAR has defied its owner, the Government, by rushing forward a set of sparkling financial figures in a bid to avoid being subsumed within the less profitable but larger English generator Nuclear Electric.

The decision whether to merge the two companies, seen in the City as the only way of preparing Nuclear Electric for a stock market flotation, is due to be taken at a meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow.

The plan has aroused a storm of protest among Scottish industry leaders, trade unions and politicians, including the handful of remaining Tory MPs, even though it has been said that Scottish Nuclear may retain an office north of the border.

The company's figures for 1994-95 show increased turnover, output and productivity. Net profits more than doubled from £72 million to £150 million last year.

More significantly, the company is the first nuclear generator to show a profit even without the subsidy paid to the industry from public funds to meet the cost of decommissioning outdated Magnox plant.

Robin Jeffrey, chief executive, said: "Bundling the two companies together like this can only result in job losses in Scotland. We wanted to lay before the public just how successful the results were in this year."

The figures were brought forward, said Mr Jeffrey, even though there had been "no encouragement" from the ultimate owner, the Scottish Office, to do so. They were initially due in June, he added. "The nails would have been in the coffin by then."

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STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3214.9	(+5.6)
Yield	4.24%	
FT-SE A All share	1575.48	(+3.69)
Nikkei	16910.54	(+106.49)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4303.29	(–0.69)*
S&P Composite	512.15	(–0.74)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	$5\frac{15}{16}$%*	($5\frac{15}{16}$%)
Long Bond	$103\frac{12}{32}$*	($103\frac{22}{32}$)
Yield	7.34%*	(7.32%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{7}{8}$%	($6\frac{25}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	$103\frac{23}{32}$	($104\frac{1}{8}$)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.6137*	(1.6045)
London:		
$	1.6165	(1.6015)
DM	2.2061	(2.2071)
FFr	7.7960	(7.7970)
SFr	1.8291	(1.8269)
Yen	132.59	(133.36)
£ Index	84.1	(84.2)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.3680*	(1.3760)
FFr	4.8210*	(4.8625)
SFr	1.1315*	(1.1405)
Yen	81.88*	(83.10)
$ Index	86.8	(87.6)
Tokyo close Yen 83.05		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.30	($18.05)
GOLD		
London close	$389.85	($391.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Advances of Abbey rejected by N&P

By Robert Miller
and Patricia Tehan

NATIONAL & Provincial, the building society at the centre of a bid by Abbey National, has snubbed the former building society turned bank.

On Monday, the Abbey confirmed that it would bid for N&P, with about 1.7 million members in line to receive an average shares bonus worth about £600 each.

In a statement to be delivered at N&P' annual meeting in Bradford today, Lord Shuttleworth, chairman, will tell members that the society will "not be bounced into any course of action by the activities of a third party".

Alastair Lyons, chief executive of N&P, Britain's ninth-largest building society, said: "I agreed to meet Peter Birch, the chief executive of Abbey National, early in May. That meeting was arranged some two weeks ago. I very much hope that we can now sit down in private and discuss the Abbey proposal rather than carrying on the debate across the pages of the newspapers."

Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey National, rejected allegations that his bank's approach to the directors of N&P was hostile.

He said: "In terms of corporate governance, the boards of directors of the building society has a responsibility to its owners, their members, to at least find out what Abbey National is proposing."

Abbey had said that it had indicated to the N&P management that it expected to be able to offer a substantial premium to net asset value.

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Gas watchdog rejects pay-setting role

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

Spottiswoode: "retrograde"

CLARE SPOTTISWOODE, the regulator of the gas industry, yesterday rejected the suggestion that she should have a say in setting executive pay in British Gas. Accepting that the company's customer service standards had fallen, the Director-General of Gas Supply insisted that such a role on pay would be a "retrograde" step.

In the controversy over boardroom pay — especially in privatised utilities — which was begun by a 75 per cent pay increase for Cedric Brown, the British Gas chief executive, Labour is proposing that the utility regulators should curb excessive pay rises.

However, Ms Spottiswoode, giving evidence to the Commons Select Committee on Employment, said: "It would be a retrograde step to get the regulators involved in setting pay. I would become a prices and incomes board for British Gas. But its competitors would not face that."

Although she accepted that a regulatory role in pay-setting would be a matter for Parliament, Ms Spottiswoode said that such a role would bring utility regulators into the political system, "which would change the whole nature of regulation and its independence".

The Commons committee examining the Government's Bill to increase competition in the gas industry yesterday rejected a pay-setting role for the regulator.

In evidence to the employment committee, Ms Spottiswoode and Ofgas said that such a move would infringe the market disciplines that utilities were supposed to work under after privatisation. Regulators were not well placed to judge the merits of individual board members, and controlling executive salaries would give them "undue influence" over a privatised company's affairs without being responsible to companies' shareholders.

However, Ms Spottiswoode disclosed that Ofgas would be examining executive pay in its current five-yearly study of British Gas's costs, rather than its prices.

Although she accepted that consumer complaints about British Gas had risen, she said that it was important for consumers that the company had the best management available, and this meant offering "competitive" pay.

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City reads rate rise into CBI prices study

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

EXPECTATIONS of a further rise in interest rates continued to grow yesterday after the Confederation of British Industry's latest industrial trends survey showed price rises running at their highest level for five years. At the same time, output growth slowed and exports were at a record high.

The CBI and external economists believe that the various results of the quarterly trends survey for April were difficult to interpret in policy terms. City analysts, however, maintained that the growth and inflationary pressures indicated by the survey were in line with expectations that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, will agree a further rate rise at their meeting next week.

Minutes of previous monthly meetings suggest that evidence from the CBI on price and other inflationary pressures has been instrumental in rate rise decisions.

The Treasury said that the survey's findings on export performance and optimism were "particularly encouraging". Even on prices there were signs of pressures easing in the future, it added.

Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, who will become Mr George's deputy at the Bank in the autumn, stressed that his remarks on monetary policy reflected the CBI's view, saying that "interest rates should remain where they are for the time being, although we still expect a further rise this year before rates peak".

However, he accepted that this interest rate judgment was "finely balanced", and added that if sterling was to fall further and endanger the Government's inflation target, then the CBI would expect the authorities to react.

Overall, Mr Davies said: "Manufactured exports continue to be the engine pulling the recovery forward, despite a slowdown in the pace of output growth over the past few months. It is particularly encouraging to see the improvement in investment intentions". He acknowledged that the figures had been "erratic" over recent surveys.

The main findings of the survey of 1,200 companies, accounting for half the UK's manufactured exports, included:

☐ Prices: the balance of companies reporting a rise in domestic prices — those recording a rise set against those registering a fall — jumped from 10 to 29 per cent, the highest level since April 1990. While forward expectations are lower, at 18 per cent, unit costs were up and set to rise further, leading analysts to see inflationary pressures still working through.

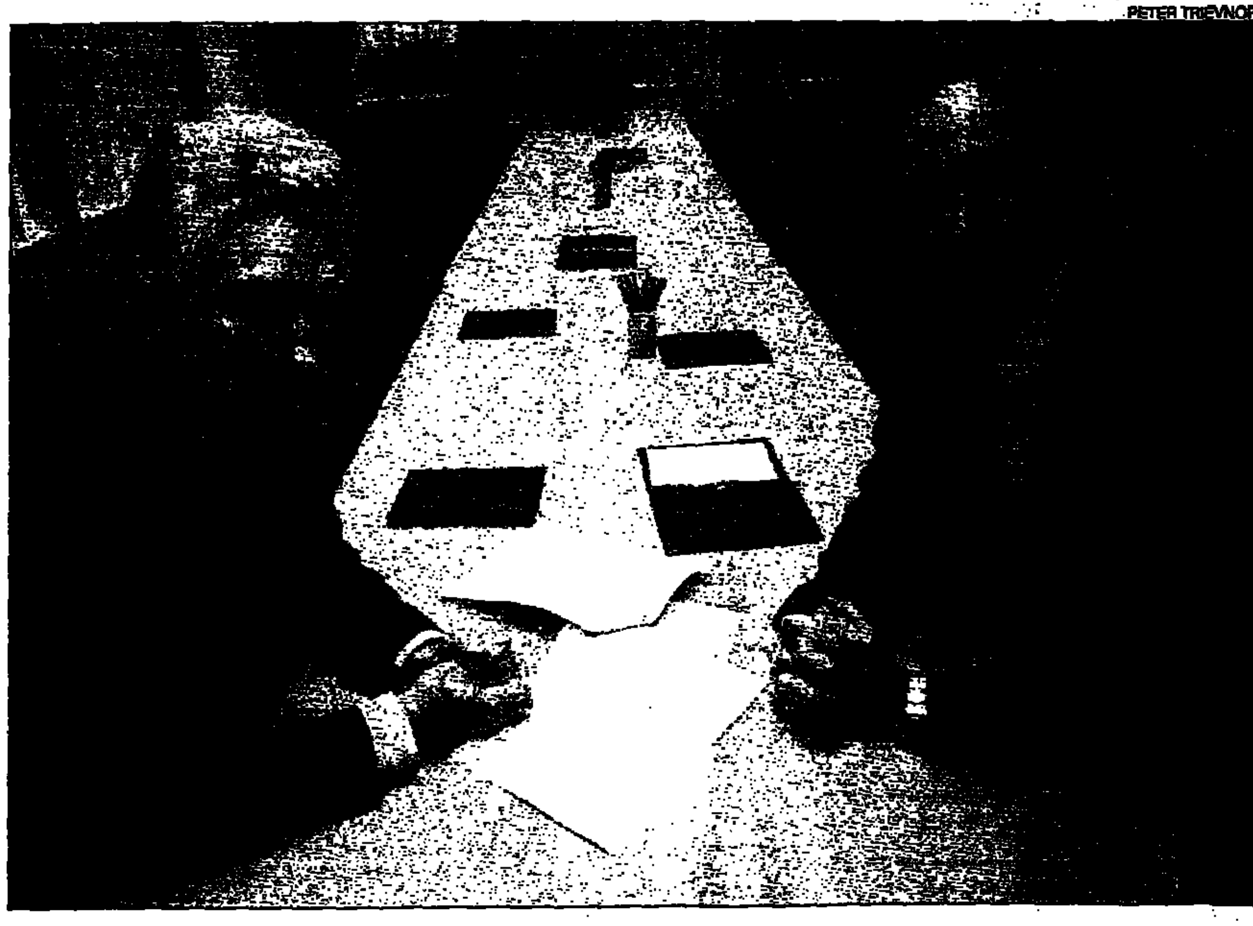
☐ Exports: with the export balance up from 24 to 34 per cent, export growth was at an 18-year high, though exports are likely to rise less quickly over the next four months.

☐ Output: domestically, the volume of new orders grew steadily, though the growth in overall output slowed from 33 to 26 per cent, as the CBI had expected. CBI analysts said that their own figures fitted "uneasily" with the Government's data, which they expected to be revised.

☐ Investment: companies' investment intentions rose from a balance of 7 to 13 per cent of firms reporting increases. But capacity utilisation rose, with the number of companies working below capacity falling from 49 to 42 per cent — the lowest since July 1989.

☐ Jobs: In spite of expectations of a stabilisation in jobs, an estimated 9,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in the first three months — contrary to government figures.

☐ Confidence: business confidence overall rose for the tenth successive survey, though the number of companies feeling optimistic dropped from a balance of 17 to 13 per cent.



PETER TREVNOR

McCarthy & Stone, the sheltered housing builder, said that it hoped to resume dividend payments this year as it unveiled plans to increase the number of homes sold to 1,500 a year from a current 900. John McCarthy, chairman, left, with Matthew Thorne, finance director, reported a return to profit in the half-year to February 28, with pretax earnings of £1.3 million against losses of £400,000 last time. Earnings per share were 0.3p, compared with losses of 0.6p. There is again no interim dividend. The shares rose 3p to 59p.

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Academics attack audit proposals

A GROUP of 49 accounting academics is calling for sweeping reforms to audits of public companies. The academics, from 30 universities, have signed a common response to *The Audit Agenda*, an Auditing Practices Board discussion document (Graham Searjeant writes).

They argue that the board's prosposals do not go far enough, and call for a body independent of the profession to regulate all aspects of auditing and a ban on auditors of plcs selling non-audit services to their audit clients.

The 49 also say that auditors should have more responsibility to third parties, with no statutory limitation of their legal liability.

Prem Sikka, of the University of East London, a campaigner for reform, said the response was a further vote of no confidence in the board by accounting academics.

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Pay deals shadow inflation increase

By Our Industrial Editor

PAY deals in the private sector are following inflation upwards, new wage settlement evidence suggests today.

The Government's own figures, supported by employers' data, suggest continuing stability in average earnings growth. But independent pay analysts are consistently maintaining that wage settlements are continuing to rise.

Looking at a snapshot of pay settlements in April, the second busiest month for wage deals after January, Incomes Data Services, the pay analysis company, says that agreements are now running at a higher settlement level than they were at the start of the year. Though IDS accepts that its survey is based on a relatively small number of April settlements, it says: "The early signs of a rise in settlement levels compared with January provide further confirmation of a rising trend to which we have been drawing attention for some time."

Examining a total of 43 private sector deals so far registered, IDS says that more than six in ten are worth 3-3.9 per cent, with a further third worth 4 per cent or more.

Many pay deals in January were determined against headline inflation running at under 3 per cent, but with retail price inflation moving beyond that, IDS says that private sector pay deals are now beginning to reflect the jump in inflation.

Recent deals charted by IDS include 5.5 per cent in the first part of a two-year deal at PowerGen, 5 per cent at LDV, 4 per cent at Reuters, 3.9 per cent for manual workers at United Distillers, 3.5 per cent at Perkins Engines, 4.15 per cent at Kellogg, and merit rises averaging 7 per cent at Ecclesiastical Insurance.

The study shows a growing divergence between private and public sector pay, with pay awards in the public sector "significantly lower".

ICI staff want more of the cake

THOUSANDS of employees of ICI, the chemicals company, will today demand "substantial" pay rises to reflect record profits that triggered bumper bonus payments for executive directors (Martin Barrow writes).

MSF, the white-collar union that represents 10,000 ICI staff, will also demand improved conditions, including ten days' paternity leave and 15 days' annual family leave.

The demand comes after an 84 per cent rise in ICI's taxable profits, to £514 million, in 1994, for which directors received bonuses totalling 40 per cent of pay. Sir Ronald Hampel, chief executive, who becomes chairman tomorrow, saw his pay jump by 27 per cent, to £607,000 a year.

Paul Talbot, the union's national officer, said: "ICI have had a record year. The bosses have done very well for themselves and now the staff deserve their share." MSF members working for ICI received a 3 per cent pay rise last year.

NatWest defends top salary policy

THE chairman of NatWest's executive pay committee has defended the increases in remuneration received by the bank's executive directors last year, saying they were an adequate reflection of performance. Sir John Banham, the non-executive director who heads the NatWest remuneration committee, said the committee's policy is "to provide a total remuneration package which is competitive and reflects the performance of directors in delivering value for shareholders." The pay of Derek Wanless, the chief executive, rose by 15 per cent last year to £499,000 including a £115,000 bonus.

Lord Alexander, chairman of NatWest, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday, that the bank does not "seek to take a leading position by paying salaries at the top end of industry rates. However, we do recognise that to attract and retain the level of talent required to lead a global organisation such as NatWest we must pay competitively." He told shareholders that the bank anticipates only modest lending growth in the UK this year, coupled with intensified competition." In response to a question from a shareholder on the legal action against the bank by London Underground over a missing cheque for £500,000, he said the bank did not accept that it was at fault.

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Premium bonds option

PREMIUM BOND prizewinners will be able to opt to have their winnings automatically reinvested from the May draw onwards, National Savings announced yesterday. Under the present system, winners are paid by warrant, which can be paid into a bank or building society account like a cheque. The warrants can be sent back to National Savings, but are subject to a month's qualifying period before being eligible for prize draws. From May, winners will be sent a mandate to authorise National Savings to reinvest the money.

Huntleigh provision

HUNTLEIGH TECHNOLOGY, the medical products group, is providing £3.1 million against a proposed settlement of a claim by US authorities against an American subsidiary. Huntleigh, which does not admit liability, said the claim arose from ambiguity in classification of a Medicare reimbursement code in 1991 and 1992. Payment will be spread over seven years. The charge depressed 1994 profits, which were £6.66 million, against £6.86 million in 1993, and reduced earnings per share to 11.45p (17.31p). A final 3.25p lifts the dividend to 6p (4.5p).

RJR Nabisco declines

FALLING cigarette sales across the world hit profits at RJR Nabisco, with first-quarter earnings per share dropping to 51 cents from 60 cents, although net income rose slightly to $198 million from $195 million, because of calculations involving a preferred share issue. RJR Nabisco said the strong first-quarter performance by its food business was offset by sharply reduced tobacco shipments. Net sales for worldwide tobacco operations were $1.7 billion, down 9 per cent from a year ago. International tobacco sales declined 4 per cent to $701 million.

Marine Midland up 25%

MARINE MIDLAND, the US banking operation of HSBC Holdings, lifted net profits 25 per cent in the first quarter of the year to $66 million. The figures include results from Concord Leasing, which merged into Marine on January 1. HSBC said Marine Midland's return on equity rose to 18.23 per cent, compared with 15.97 per cent in last year's first quarter. The increase in profits was helped by an improvement in net interest income, which rose to $214.4 million from $187 million. Operating expenses fell to $165.8 million from $189.8 million.

Huge surge for Hoechst

HOECHST, the first of Germany's big three chemicals groups to announce first-quarter figures, reported a 94 per cent surge in pre-tax profit to DM984 million and forecast a higher full-year profit in 1995, despite the negative impact of the stronger mark on sales. Last year it boosted pre-tax profits by 80 per cent to DM2.2 billion. Hoechst, which is buying Marion Merell Dow, the US pharmaceuticals group, for $7.1 billion, is engaged in a battle with Britain's Inland Revenue over what it calls discriminatory tax demands.

Disney roars ahead

FILM and video success of *The Lion King* and higher merchandise sales and attendance at Disneyland and Disneyworld lifted Disney's second-quarter profits 27 per cent. Disney made $316 million, or 60 cents a share, from January to March ($248 million, 45 cents a share) on sales up 28 per cent at $2.9 billion. Earnings would have been $33 million higher but for continued losses at Disneyland Paris. Half-year earnings were $798 million, or $1.51 per share, ($617 million, or $1.13 a share) on $6.22 billion sales ($5 billion).

Ramco revenue hopes

RAMCO, the oil services group, is hoping for revenues as early as the end of 1996 from its oil interests in Azerbaijan. Ramco, which made profits of £1.6 million (£300,000) last year from servicing pipelines, has a 2 per cent stake in a consortium led by BP and Statoil which has secured a production-sharing contract to develop the Chirag and Gunashli oil fields in the Caspian Sea. Ramco is now debt-free and group earnings per share rose to 5.56p from 0.6p allowing a doubling of the dividend to 1p a share.

Nine in a row for S&U

S&U, the collected credit trading company, reported increased profits for the ninth consecutive year, coupled with decreased borrowings for the 12 months to January 31. Pre-tax profits were £6.05 million, up from £5.62 million. Earnings per share rose 2.3p, to 33.03p. Directors recommend a final dividend of 9.5p per ordinary share (8.9p), raising the yearly total to 12.5p (10.45p). The payout is due on July 1. Gearing was 26.8 per cent, down from the previous 36.8 per cent. The shares fell 17p, to 298p.

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OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Ireland

- Ireland's largest newspaper publishing Group.
- Increased contribution from publishing operations.
- Share of national newspapers' advertising revenue increased.
- Aggregate cable and MDS customer base increased 11% to 114,400 (Princes Holdings – 50% owned).

Australia

- Australian Provincial Newspapers pre-tax profit increases 20% to A$34.0 million (25% indirect holding).
- Purchase of Wesgo Limited in December 1994. Purchase of Gold 104FM subsequent to year end and purchase of Australian Radio Network radio companies, making APN the largest radio network in Australia.
- Purchase of 26% stake in Cody Outdoor Advertising in February 1995, the leading supersite advertising company.

South Africa

- Purchase of 34.98% interest in Argus Newspapers, the largest newspaper group in South Africa. This was increased to 58.23% in March 1995.

United Kingdom

- Purchase of 28.76% interest in Newspaper Publishing PLC – publisher of 'The Independent' and 'The Independent on Sunday'. In March 1995, arrangements were agreed in principle for Independent to hold a 43% shareholding in Newspaper Publishing.
- Purchase of 75.1% interest in Capital Newspapers Ltd to create London's largest paid-for regional newspaper group.
- Establishment of Sporting Publications Division.
- Buspak UK (50% owned) is now the largest bus transit advertising company.
- Improved trading at Commuter Publishing Partnership.

France

- Increased trading for Sirocco, ranked number two in its outdoor advertising market.
- Expansion of sales of street furniture and municipal services.

Portugal

- Purchase of 7.9% strategic stake in Jornalgeste SGPS, the largest newspaper publishing group in Portugal.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	1994 IR£000	1993 IR£000	
Operating Profit	41,520	29,191	+42%
Profit before Taxation	37,736	26,479	+43%
Earnings per Share*	20.0p	18.0p	+11%
Dividends per Share*	8.5p	7.3p	+16%
Shareholders' Funds	246,858	185,563	+33%

*Adjusted for Bonus Issue.

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Call for national pension scheme

By Robert Miller

A DRIVE to introduce a new National Pension Scheme, which would be compulsory for people without a company or occupational pension, will be launched later this week by Tom Ross, the new chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, whose members manage some £300 billion of assets. Mr Ross will suggest that up to 10 per cent of a person's pre-tax salary could be paid into the national pension.

Mr Ross, who succeeds Ron Amy as chairman of the NAPF, will also use his inaugural speech at the association's two-day annual conference, which opens in Birmingham tomorrow, to call on the Government to simplify the present tax regime to encourage more employers to provide company pension schemes. The number of people covered by such pensions has declined to about 48 per cent of the working population.

The gradual erosion of the employers' role in providing a pension as an integral part of a salary package has thrown an even greater burden on the present pay-as-you-earn state pension. Also, there are fewer people in work and more people in retirement.

Mr Ross said: "We don't think that Serps (State Earnings Related Pension Scheme) is a business that the Government should be in. If the tax treatment of company pension schemes and private sector plans were simplified and brought more into line with each other, it would make pensions for all an easier concept to promote."

The immediate priority for Mr Ross and Dr Ann Robinson, the new director-general of the NAPF, is the Pensions Bill. They will be putting forward amendments, including a clause insisting that pension fund assets are held by independent custodians.

Robinson: amendments

Internet disappoints business

By Eric Reguly

THE Internet, the worldwide network of computers and the much-hyped forerunner to the information superhighway, has largely been a flop with business users, a survey commissioned by PhoneLink, an electronic information services company, concludes.

The survey of more than 200 business executives and their personal assistants, conducted by Benchmark Research, found that only 27 per cent of respondents considered the Internet a business advantage, yet most thought it had potential to be a valuable source of information.

"The Internet could be facing the possibility of a backlash due to a combination of unfulfilled expectations and rising frustration," the report said. "There is an obvious imbalance between the perceived potential of the Internet and the reality, which will need addressing if the Internet is ever to serve as a business information tool."

Those who are dissatisfied with the Internet, which is said to have about 30 million users around the world, complain that its response time is too slow and that it is difficult to navigate. The report said: "Overzealous marketing and enthusiastic press coverage has also contributed to the dissatisfaction of those using the Internet, by building up its promise, when the reality is that it has a long way to go before it delivers something akin to the eagerly awaited information superhighway."

Not surprisingly, offices that are connected to the Internet use it most for sending electronic messages.

PhoneLink, a USM-listed company, has launched a new version of its Tel-Me software that was designed to provide businesses with quick and easy access to information banks. Tel-Me, which provides e-mail and access to the Internet, includes an electronic phone directory and "look and book" travel services.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.13
Austria Sch	16.56	15.06
Belgium Fr	48.50	44.20
Canada $	2.294	2.184
Cyprus Cyp£	0.745	0.690
Denmark Kr	9.31	8.51
Finland Mkk	7.43	6.78
France Fr	8.26	7.60
Germany Dm	2.37	2.18
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	13.04	12.04
Ireland Pt	1.04	0.96
Israel	5.2582	4.5082
Italy Lira	2825.00	2670.00
Japan Yen	148.60	132.00
Malta	0.598	0.548
Nethlnds Gld	2.829	2.599
Norway Kr	10.54	9.74
Portugal Esc	245.00	226.50
S Africa Rd	n/a	5.38
Spain Pta	204.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	12.59	11.79
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.79
Turkey Lira	refer	65765.0
USA $	1.701	1.571

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Twisting the Lyons tail

☐ ABBEY National's shock tactics to propel National & Provincial into a takeover should certainly fiven up its annual meeting today. Traditionally, society agms are as exciting as a triennial actuarial review. Today, the glint of greed will shine in many N&P members' eyes as they relish the prospect of a £600 a head handout from Abbey for serving up their society ready garnished.

Abbey's move, however, will do more than provide an entertaining day out for N&P's savers. The way it has launched a quasi-hostile offer for N&P should at last open up a debate, even an auction, to determine the true value of a building society on the open market.

Until now, members have had no real say in the future of their society. Deals, such as Abbey National's mutualisation, Cheltenham & Gloucester's acquisition by Lloyds and the Halifax/Leeds merger, have been presented on a take it or leave it basis. Most qualifying members have been only too happy to nod through such proposals and take the cash or shares, in the naive belief that they are getting something for nothing, although at least the recent succession of deals has shown them that their votes have value.

Until now, members have been prepared to sell their equity in the societies at a knockdown price. By the time Lloyds completes its purchase of the C&G, it will be paying less than 1.7 times book value, for the premier society in the industry. Quoted commercial banks, by contrast, regularly change hands for three times book value. If Abbey is indeed offering £1.1 billion for N&P as suggested in the City, it is only offering 1.5 times book value, even less adequate than Lloyds' knockdown bid for the C&G.

Abbey has, in City terms, put N&P in play. Alastair Lyons, its chief executive, can hardly turn down the offer now without presenting some alternative. This may lead to the attractive possibility that N&P's members will be presented with a range of proposals and decide for themselves which offers the best value.

The simplest response that Mr Lyons could make is to prepare N&P for flotation. Pundits claim the society is too small to float. But companies worth £50 million or less find their way on to the stock market every month, so the N&P, worth more than £1 billion, should be able to. The open market would provide a far more efficient means of valuing N&P than the aspirations of its management.

Scottish unclear

☐ ON A sliding scale of stupidities, merging Scottish Nuclear with Nuclear Electric to make the latter saleable ranks somewhere behind the poll tax and identity cards, so it must have rather less chance than either of becoming official government policy. But it is, nonetheless, a pretty daft idea.

Scottish Nuclear's frantic bid to escape such a fate by slipping its figures out early is an understandable one, although whether it will cut much ice in Westminster is another matter. There are, count them, not quite enough Conservative MPs left north of Hadrian's Wall to make up a football team, and if the Government feels it can only win the next election by flogging off the nuclear industry to fund tax cuts, then blowing the final whistle on some or all of them looks like an acceptable cost.

Scottish Nuclear's point is that it has forced costs down and output up to a point where the company is indistinguishable from a profit-making business. This is likely to be in sharp contrast to Nuclear Electric's own numbers which are, significantly, not being moved forward from their June due date. While the latter's generating cost per kw/hr is not going to be much higher than Scottish Nuclear's achieved 2.2p, that company is still a long way short of making it into the black without the comfort of the nuclear levy.

There are currently eight nuclear stations in the British Isles that are profitable, actually or potentially. The Scots have two AGRs, the English five more plus the Sizewell B PWR. The arithmetic, at least coming from the industry regulator, had always suggested shifting two of the English stations to the Scots and privatising the two companies as roughly equal concerns. The latest signal from Whitehall, therefore, is a clear reversal of this. A merged industry is said to worth up to £3 billion; but with the Recs, ex the National Grid, selling on a 7 per cent-plus yield, the privatisation would have to be on an even chunkier number to be acceptable to the City, which would seem to force the price down by an unacceptable amount.

PENNINGTON

Breaking the audit bonds

☐ THE Auditing Practices Board has made, or contemplated, many reforms to make auditors more clearly independent and their vetting of accounts more effective. Some have long been wanted by senior auditors, others have been conceded to mollify critics. Individual auditors will change regularly to avoid becoming too cosy with their clients and rotation of audit firms would not cause violent ructions. But there has always been one sticking point. Accountancy firms are desparate to retain their right to sell non-audit business to audit clients.

There are good practical arguments for keeping this dual role. Auditors are best placed to spot deficiencies that they can remedy. A company may be paying more tax than its needs, have weaknesses in management, structure, or pay arrangements. And it may be more economic for the auditor's firm to provide non-audit services because part of the work is already done.

These arguments are certainly strong enough to maintain the practice for unlisted companies. So long as the nexus exists, however, auditors will find it hard to convince the public that they are truly independent and report to shareholders rather than to their real customer, the client's finance director.

Occasional, unprovable, complaints that some big accountancy firms see audit as a loss leader to gain other business are merely a symptom of this bigger issue. So is the growing army of academics adding their names to those of long-standing strident critics. The case for specialised audit of big quoted companies is gaining more ground by the day.

Sales figures at Sears point to faltering recovery

By Sarah Bagnall

SEARS, one of Britain's biggest retailers and a barometer of health in the high street, yesterday confirmed fears that recovery in consumer spending is faltering.

The group, which comprises Selfridges department store, Freemans mail order, and high street chains such as Warehouse, Miss Selfridge, Dolcis and Saxone, revealed that trading in the first 11 weeks of the current year had been challenging.

Liam Strong, chief executive, said: "The 'feel-good' factor certainly hasn't arrived in the high street. Since the beginning of the year consumer behaviour has been pretty dull."

Underlying sales in the first 11 weeks of the year rose 4.5 per cent — revealing a declining sales trend since mid-1994. In the third quarter of last year, Sears recorded sales growth of about 14 per cent, dropping to about 8 per cent in the last quarter.

"Consumers are being very discerning and very modest about what they spend," said Mr Strong. Since the start of the year, womenswear — comprising Richards, Miss Selfridge, Wallis and Warehouse — and the Olympus High Street chain have had disappointing performances. Excess stock had built up after increased purchasing on last autumn's strong sales.

Mr Strong's cautious statement came as he unveiled an 11.2 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £153.8 million in the year to January 31. The advance, in line with market expectations, was achieved on the back of a 6.8 per cent rise in sales from continuing operations to £2.1 billion.

Profits growth was fuelled by new product ranges and store formats. In 1994 Sears opened 126 outlets, closed 172 and revamped a further 385 shops. It plans to open about 150 stores and refurbish a further 400 this year.

Footwear, the main profit contributor, lifted profits 15.8 per cent to £38.1 million on sales 9 per cent ahead at £618.1 million. The new formats — Shoe Express, the self-service shoe store, and Shoe City, the out of town stores — performed particularly well. The benefits of the upgrade at Selfridges, the department store, began to feed through, helping to lift profits 35 per cent to £28.4 million.

Childrenswear profits slipped, though there was a marked improvement in the second half. The Freemans mail order business improved profits while high street fashion edged ahead. Womenswear sparkled with profits up 77.5 per cent at £22.9 million.

The final dividend rises from 2.68p to 2.9p, making a total of 3.95p, up 7.3 per cent from last time. The dividend, due June 30, is being paid out of pre-exceptional earnings of 6.5p a share (5.6p).

Liam Strong, left, with David Defty, finance director

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Lincoln National takes over Laurentian

By Robert Miller

LINCOLN NATIONAL, the American life company, yesterday announced it had almost doubled the size of its funds under management with the acquisition of Laurentian, the Canadian-owned life and unit trust company for $237 million. The price also includes the assumption of $44 million worth of debt.

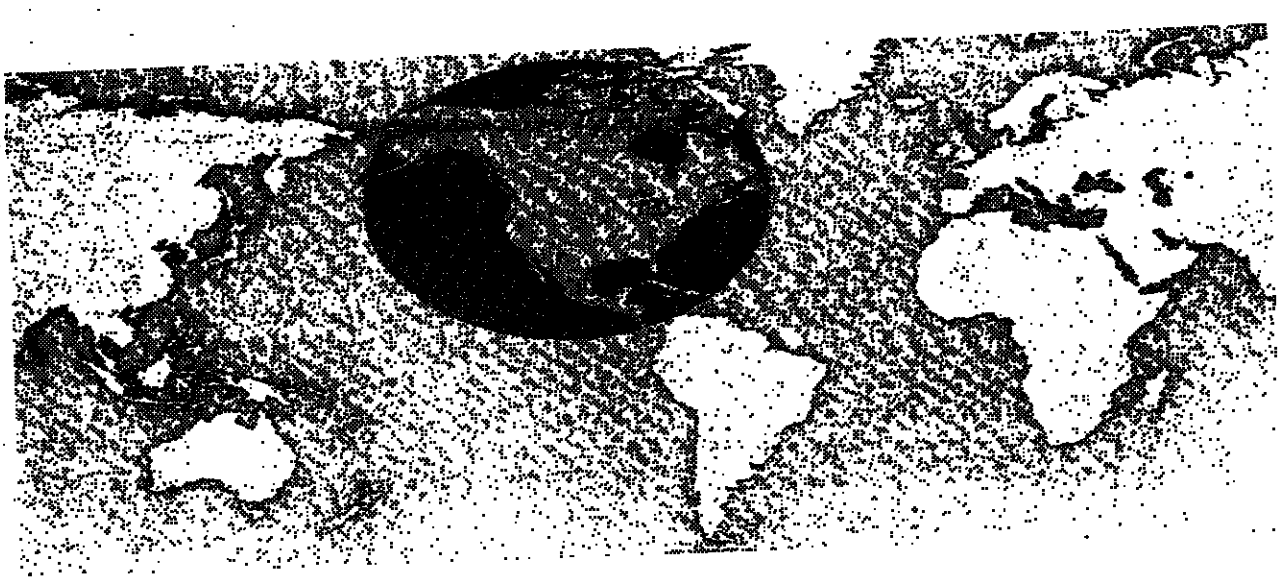
The latest Lincoln National purchase is the third in 20 months and brings its total funds under management to £3.2 billion. Citibank Life was bought in August 1993 and Liberty Life in January this year. Lincoln National also bought the unit trust operations of Crown and Matheson in 1993 and 1990 respectively.

The Canadian Desjardins Group said the sale of the Laurentian Financial Group was "in line with our strategy of focusing our resources on developing our businesses in Canada. Following a competitive controlled auction of Laurentian undertaken by BZW, Lincoln National emerged as the preferred buyer."

Lord Marsh, chairman of Laurentian, said: "Lincoln National's commitment to growth in the UK provides excellent prospects for both our customers and employees of the enlarged group which will increasingly become a major force in the UK life assurance industry."

Laurentian has about 686 sales staff compared with Lincoln National's 2,000 plus. In terms of regular premium business in force, the US company boasts £177 million worth against Laurentian's £129 million. The new combined group will have net annualised commission of £29 million and about 760,000 investors.

Jeffrey Nick, managing director of Lincoln National's UK arm, said: "The acquisition of Laurentian will nearly double the size of Lincoln National and creates one of the UK's largest unit-linked life companies."



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Magazines help push St Ives over £15m

By Martin Waller

A STRONG performance from British magazines enabled St Ives, the specialist printer, to move profits, margins and dividends ahead sharply in the first half of the financial year.

The share responded with a 13p rise to 362p as the company, chaired by Miles Emley, reported pre-tax profits up by 31 per cent to £15.7 million in the six months to January 27, disregarding exceptional items of £4.9 million the previous year.

St Ives is raising the interim dividend from 1.9p to 2.5p, paid out of earnings per share up 36 per cent to 11.16p. Pre-tax margins across the group rose by two percentage points to 12.3 per cent in the first half.

Areas performing less well were corporate publishing, in which St Ives's Burrups business produces commercially sensitive documents, and American magazines. An abrupt rise in business on the financial side after the first half has not been sustained. "Corporate financial activity, after the flurry of activity around February time, is pretty quiet still," Mr Emley said.

"The American business turned a £118,000 loss last time into profits of almost £900,000, through increased sales, a better mix of work and production efficiencies.

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Smurfit bids for another French mill

JEFFERSON Smurfit Group, the Irish industrial company, has launched a Fr452 million counterbid for Les Papeteries du Limousin (PDL), a French paper manufacturer.

Smurfit is offering Fr500 a share for PDL, topping an earlier Fr450 offer by France's Emin Leydier that expires on May 2. PDL's shares, which closed on Monday at FR439, were suspended yesterday after the announcement.

Smurfit said the acquisition would complement its French recycling mills and corrugated plants.

It acquired Saint-Gobain's La Cellulose du Pin paper businesses for Fr5.6 billion in August.

Mixed picture at Salomon

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

SALOMON, the US merchant bank, suffered a loss of $179 million in the first quarter in client business, caused by depressed volumes of capital raising and market trading.

However, profits of $239 million from Salomon's own account trading helped the company to reach a first-quarter net income of $81 million, against $66 million last time, or 59 cents a share, against 48 cents last year. First-quarter investment banking revenues suffered from $70 million in pre-tax losses on underwriting Latin American securities.

Salomon said its Phibro division had earnings of $123 million from its commodities trading activities, climbing from $50 million a year ago. However, it warned investors that results from Phibro are likely to show significant quarter-to-quarter volatility.

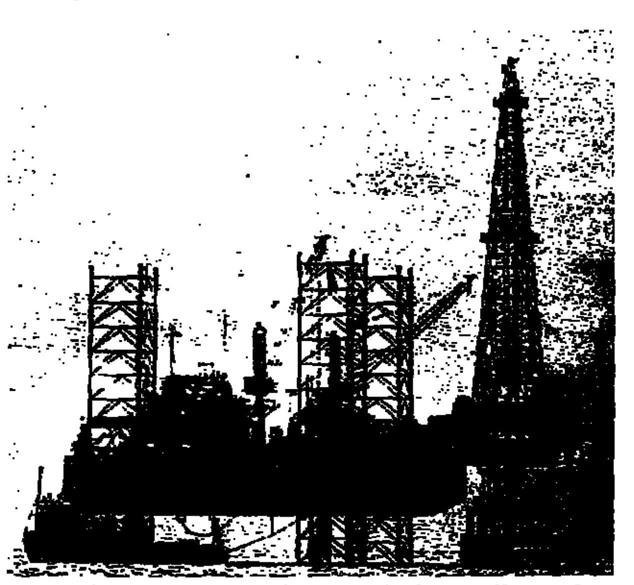
Phibro USA, the division's oil refining and marketing business, had the worst quarterly operating results in its ten-year history, with a $51 million pre-tax loss, against earnings of $27 million in the first quarter of 1994.

In February, the firm said that its 1994 losses were worse than previously announced.

STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Fisons shares fly high as Zeneca closes in



Good results at Exxon boosted oil shares all-round

IT LOOKS as if **Fisons'** *days* of independence could be numbered with **Zeneca** poised to launch its much discussed bid for the company. At least *that was the talk in the Square* Mile yesterday, as the Fisons *share* price *came within* a whisker of its high for the year, with a rise of 6p to 184p in heavy turnover which saw almost 10 million shares change hands. At these levels, the entire group is valued at *more than* £1.2 billion. American investors are said to have *spearheaded the buying.*

Earlier this month, Fisons confirmed it was in merger talks with Medeva, its fast growing rival, 3½p down at 251p. The speculators claim Fisons is ready to offer 300p a share for Medeva, valuing it at £900 million. The new man*agement team at Fisons has* been working flat out this year *to reshape the group. Several* disposals have been made, raising a total of £500 million, with the group intending to concentrate on its pharmaceutical operations. Yesterday, speculation was also being fuelled by *the news* that the Office of Fair Trading was *extending the review of the* sale of Fisons' Research and Development division to Astra for a further 15 days.

Brokers say this may spur Zeneca into action. A bid for Fisons would strengthen Zeneca's own drugs operation. Zeneca, which carries a stock *market price tag of almost* £9 billion, ended the day 5p better at 919p.

The market spent another volatile session dominated by movements on the futures market. A stronger than ex*pected rise in the first-quarter* gross domestic product and the latest CBI industrial trends survey indicating a slowdown in output, combined to fuel mounting speculation about an imminent rise *in interest rates.*

This, combined with an uncertain start to trading on Wall Street, took much of the steam out of an early advance which had seen the FT-SE 100 index almost 25 points higher *in early trading. By the close it* had reduced its lead to just 5.6 at 3,214.9 as turnover grew to 676.9 million shares.

Renewed institutional demand for the oil sector fuelled much of the early rise in prices. Oil *shares* have been making the most of firmer crude prices and were bolstered by good results from Exxon overnight in the US. **Enterprise Oil** led *the* way, touching 419p before closing 5p better at *414p. There were* also gains for **Shell**, 5p better at 734p. **Burmah**, 5p to 876p. **British Borneo**, 3p to 270p, and **Ranger Oil**, 15p to 440p.

British Aerospace advanced 6p to 520p on the news *that the first instalment of its* two-part rights issue to raise £383 million had received the backing of shareholders, with 93.4 per cent taken-up. The news coincided with reports that the group is about to get *the all-clear to relaunch its* £587 million bid for VSEL, the Trident submarine maker.

The bid, along with a similar offer from **GEC**, its rival, was blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission *last year. It now seems that* BAe has been given the all-clear. GEC, *however, is likely* to have to agree to certain conditions before it can proceed. GEC already owns the Yarrow shipyard, while VSEL builds the Trident at its Barrow shipyard. The Government is worried that if GEC wins control of VSEL it will *have too much of the defence* industry. GEC marked time at 299p, while VSEL added 17p at £16.55.

Abbey National touched 492p before ending the session 5p cheaper on the day at 475p. *National & Provident* building society has given a lukewarm reception to the Abbey's announcement that it wants to hold merger talks. The N&P said it was happy to hear anyone's views and indicated *that it had already spoken to a* number of interested parties. The Abbey has already prom*ised N&P members a substan*tial premium if the deal goes through.

BAT Industries rose 6½p to 466½p, cheered by the promise of a substantial increase in 1995 pre-tax profits and a *significant* rise in dividends compared with 1994. Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that volumes in the tobacco business had boomed during the first three months. *The current increase of 24 per* cent was unlikely to be main*tained, but an increase of* more than 10 per cent was virtually certain.

Sears, the Selfridges to Freemans retailer, managed a rise of 1½p to 104¼p on the back of an 11 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £153.8 million.

*Shareholders were reward*ed with a 32 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 2.5p.

There was also good news on the *dividend* front for shareholders of **McCarthy & Stone**, the sheltered accom*modation group, which says it* intends to pay a dividend for *the first time since 1992. This* followed a return to the black with a pre-tax profit of £1.3 million against a deficit for the corresponding period of £400,000.

Taunton Cider told brokers visiting the company that it intends to make further sav*ings this year, which will cost* the group £4.5 million. The move is expected to save a further £2.5 million a year in addition to the £5 million of savings already announced.

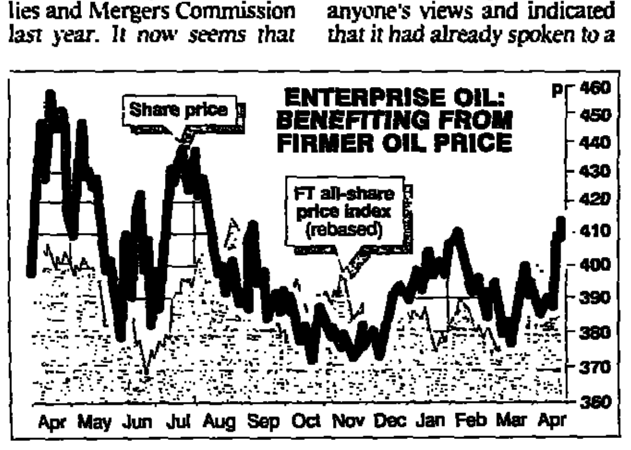
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Modest *gains at the start were quickly* wiped out as investors gave a disappointing response to the latest GDP and CBI industrial trends survey. Investors were clearly in no mood to open fresh positions until today's *auction is safely out of the* way.

In futures, the June series of the long gilt finished £13/32 lower at £103 23/32 as a total of 40,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 lost *£¼ to £96 27/32, while in shorts* Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £3/16 off at £98 21/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were flat during morning trade on Wall Street and at midday the Dow Jones industrial average was little changed at 4,303.29, down 0.69 points.

Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, came out in favour of the water companies yesterday telling clients that recent falls have been overdone. Laing also plays down concern about a Labour government renationalising. Top of its buy list are Anglian Water, up 6p at 497p, and North West, 1p firmer at 561p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4303.29 (-0.69)
S&P Composite .... 512.15 (+0.74)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 16910.54 (+106.49)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 8505.60 (-119.95)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 409.23 (+0.62)

Sydney:
AO .... Closed

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2006.99 (+30.78)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2074.67 (-10.88)

Brussels:
General .... 7319.18 (+51.36)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1945.93 (+27.42)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 590.60 (+1.10)

London:
FT 30 .... 2438.4 (+3.9)
FT 100 .... 3214.9 (+5.6)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3511.5 (+13.7)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1595.8 (+3.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1295.65 (+14.57)
FT A All-Share .... 1575.48 (+3.69)
FT Non Financials .... 1700.84 (+4.22)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.34 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.02 (-0.05)
Bargains 25888
SEAQ Volume 771.4m
USM (Datastrm) .... 151.78 (+0.14)
US$ .... 1.6140 (+0.0065)
German Mark .... 2.2034 (+0.0011)
Exchange Index .... 84.1 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.1936
£:SDR 1.0220
RPI .... 147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Biocomp Int (170)	171	...
British Aero Cap p/p	704	+3
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dailywin (128)	129	...
Datrontech (130)	155	...
Dumyat Cv An Div	103	...
Dumyat Inv Mthly Div	103	...
F&C Spec Util Uts (100)	100	...
Geared Inc Inv C (100)	98	...
Nail Power (p/p) (476)	182	+5
PTS Group (90)	96	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	195	+5
Precoat Int (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	304	-3
Schroder Inc Gth Fd	103	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	30	...
Scot Oriental Smlr (100)	98½	...
Superframe Wts	7	...
Vision Group (97)	140	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bolton Group n/p (23)	½	...
Guinness Peat n/p (20)	6½	...
Inspec Group n/p (175)	58	+12
Roskel n/p (92)	15	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Henlys	325p (+16p)
Inchcape	327p (+8p)
Powell Duffryn	498p (+7p)
Fairey Group	419p (+12p)
Molins	583p (+8p)
AB Food	648p (+10p)
Fenchurch Group	155p (+8p)
C E Heath	245p (+10p)
EMAP	439p (+9p)
GWR Group	928p (+13p)
De La Rue	917p (+14p)
St Ives Group	362p (+13p)
Br Land	376p (+8p)
GUS	587p (+9p)
Frost Group	271p (+8p)

FALLS:

Broken Hill	865p (-18p)
Copymore	165p (-25p)
S & U	298p (-17p)
Kwik Save	594p (-11p)
Carpetright	264p (-6p)

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TEMPUS

Climbing mount Olympus

THE lack of consumer confidence on the high street is hardly Sears' fault but the retail combine is nevertheless suffering the consequences. Not only has the lacklustre appetite of shoppers put the brakes on sales growth but it has also left Sears with excess stocks.

Like-for-like sales growth has slowed sharply since mid-1994. From 14 per cent in the *third quarter of last year, it is* running at just over 4 per cent. The downturn has left Sears with higher than expected levels of unsold stock. Eight per cent of British Shoe's current stock is left over from last season and there *is a painful 15 per cent at Olympus,* the sports chain. Clearing this stock at discounted prices will dent margins in the first half of the year. Most of this should be offset by margin improvements elsewhere, particularly from *new store formats which are driving up sales.*

Shoe Express is achieving sales uplifts of up to 50 per cent and Shoe City is seeing rises of more than 100 per cent. At the start of 1994 these new formats accounted for about 4 per cent of sales space, rising to about 20 per cent by the year end. This is set to double in the *current year.*

With childrenswear recovering, Olympus remains the blackspot. The Sportsworld format appears to be working but further attention is needed on the high street chain. Another wave of closures is planned and eliminating these loss-makers will bolster margins. Over the past three years, Sears' net margins have risen from 3.5 per cent to 6.7 per cent and further increases are likely. The shares are trading on a prospective p/e of 12.9 times which does not look expensive given the *group's momentum.*

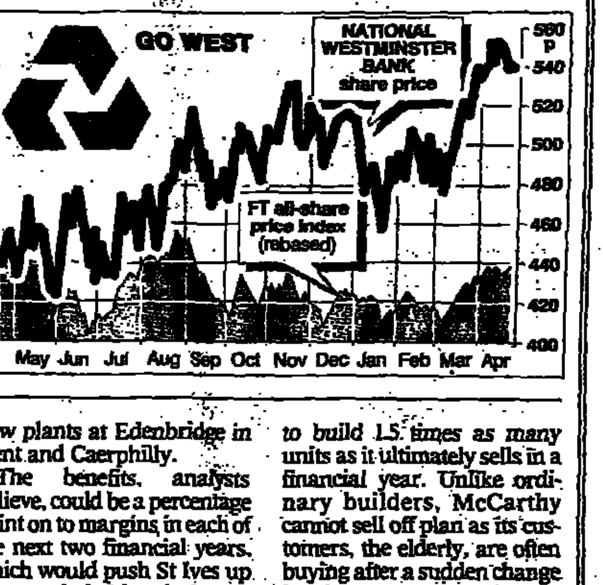
NatWest

FOR a naturally cautious man, Lord Alexander of Weedon sounded upbeat when he addressed National *Westminster's annual meet*ing. He was finally able to report that corporate lending growth had at last begun to stir after more than two years of stagnation.

His words were confirmation of what the City has suspected since the start of the year. The *resumption of* asset growth has been a *major factor in the sector's 10* per cent outperformance in the past three months. Analysts predict that NatWest's asset book could expand by 5 per cent this year, which in turn will help to drive profits.

The renewal of lending demand has come at an ideal time for NatWest which has rebuilt its capital ratios sufficiently to fund it. Profits could touch £1.9 billion this year, which would push the core capital ratio to 6.7 per cent in spite of recent acquisitions in the US.

This is perhaps why *NatWest and Lord Alexan*der seems to be growing keener almost daily on an acquisition in the investment banking world to beef up NatWest Markets. Funding will not be a problem. It will be far more difficult to convince investors of the quality of an intended purchase. While *the prospect of* profit growth combined with *generous dividends should* continue to propel the banking sector, NatWest's shares are spiced with the uncertainty of its impending shopping spree.



St Ives

THE City *is* just going to have to be patient with St Ives, which has a bank account brimming with £35 million of available cash and not much to spend it on. Miles Emley, the chairman, *admits that the only advance* in the acquisition hunt since the October results is that the company is now talking to different parties; a deal is likely, but its timing is beyond the company's control.

This is probably no bad thing. St Ives remains the market's best-regarded printing group, and the only thing that can really go wrong overnight with such a well-managed business is the wrong purchase. The target market, the US, is dominated *by printers with hideous* levels of borrowings, making their managements unwilling to consider reasonable prices, Mr Emley argues.

Instead the company is concentrating on inward investment, particularly on the *new plants at Edenbridge in* Kent and Caerphilly.

The benefits, analysts believe, could be a percentage point on to margins in each of the next two financial years, which would push St Ives up close to their historical peak of 15 per cent. The shares sell *on 16 times' normalised earn*ings for this year, disregarding the one-off low tax charge, and at this level look good value.

McCarthy & Stone

DESPITE the pick-up in fortunes of house-builders, McCarthy & Stone remains virtually unchallenged in the sheltered housing market where it claims 78 per cent of total starts. Past disasters *may account for the reluc*tance of builders to reenter the sheltered accommodation industry but a central feature of the business, which may also deter competitors, is increased financial risk.

McCarthy reckons it needs *to build 1.5 times as many* units as it ultimately sells in a financial year. Unlike ordinary builders, McCarthy cannot sell off plan as its customers, the elderly, are often buying after a sudden change in circumstances — *health,* bereavement — and want to move quickly. They also want to see the complete development and as a result, McCarthy has to bear the cost of completing an entire site before it can sell a single unit.

That extra financial burden *cost McCarthy dearly in the* recession and slowed the process of shifting old low margin stock. In recovery, it has the happy effect of erecting a barrier to entry. McCarthy should make about £7 million this year but is financing those profits on assets worth *£100 million. Given the heavy* asset base the profits look expensive and there is the risk that McCarthy will be tempted to gear up aggressively in a better housing market.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	948-947	Jul	1064-1063
Jul	976-975	Sep	1075-1074
Sep	997-995	Dec	1093-1090
Dec	1022-1021	Mar	1109-1103
Mar	1044-1042		
May	1054-1053		Volume: 7936

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3185-3163	Jan	3115-3110
Jul	3183-3181	Mar	3100-3085
Sep	3148-3145	May	3090-3070
Nov	3133-3124		Volume: 6437

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	299.0-96.5
Spot: 357.4		May	298.9-96.0
Aug	335.0-34.6	Aug	298.4-95.5
Oct	304.5-02.1	Oct	285.4-80.5
Dec	299.0-96.5		Volume: 1237

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 24

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	92.76	132.55	122.61
(+/-)	+1.32	-0.43	-2.33
Eng/Wales:	92.83	133.25	122.29
(+/-)	+1.40	+0.15	-2.36
(%)			
Scotland:	90.23	121.50	125.92
(+/-)	-1.34	-4.46	-0.63
(%)	+5.0	-29.0	+22.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.15	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.90	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.30	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.35	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.00	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 198 (n/c)	O: 200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	166 (n/c)	169 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May	163 (+1)	165 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jun	160 (n/c)	162 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	103 (-3)	105 (-3)
Naphtha	171 (-3)	173 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	160.50-60.75	Aug	157.50 BID
Jun	157.75-58.00	Sep	158.50-59.00
Jul	156.50-56.75		Vol: 21701

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.76-18.77	Sep	17.70-17.72
Jul	18.26-18.28	Oct	17.56 BID
Aug	17.94-17.96		Vol: 29998

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	119.40	May	111.50
Jul	120.90	Sep	103.75
Sep	104.95	Nov	105.25
Nov	105.95	Jan	107.25
Jan	107.85	Mar	108.90
	Volume: 469		Volume: 82

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	315.0	317.5
Apr	118.0	116.0
May	*unq*	*134.0*
		Volume: 75

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Jun 117.25-117.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 95	2325	2325	2315
May 95	2340	2300	2300
Jun 95	2240	2220	2185
Jul 95	2040	2015	2002

Vol. 215 lots Open interest: 4604
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2780.0-2781.0	2758.0-2759.0	1553650
Lead ($/tonne)	618.00-620.00	631.00-632.00	190125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1056.0-1056.5	1088.0-1089.0	466050
Tin ($/tonne)	5940.0-5970.0	5965.0-5970.0	27535
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	*1837.0-1841.0*	*1929.0-1930.0*	*1141275*
Nickel ($/tonne)	7190.0-7200.0	7320.0-7325.0	64212

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom.	500	38½	43½	50½	10	14	21
(*532)	550	9½	18	25½	37½	40½	46½
Argyll	280	16½	22	27	10½	14½	18
(*288)	300	7	13½	18	25	26½	29½
ASDA	80	5½	7	8½	4	5½	6½
(*80½)	90	2	3½	4½	10½	12	12½
Boots	500	22½	33	38	16	20	27½
(*510½)	550	4	12½	17½	50½	52	54½
Br Airways	390	22	29½	37½	16	20½	24½
(*390)	420	8½	16½	24	34½	38	41½
BP	420	34	45½	52	5	9	11½
(*452)	460	13	21½	29½	20½	25	28
Br Steel	160	8½	11½	14	7½	10	12
(*161½)	180	2	4½	7	22	23½	24½
C & W	390	28½	38	45	11	15½	19½
(*407)	420	13½	23	30	27	31	34½
CU	550	27½	37½	47½	20½	31	35½
(*550)	600	9	17½	27	53½	63	66
ICI	700	64	74	87½	6½	16½	21
(*749)	750	29	43	57½	23½	36	41½
Kingfisher	420	37	46	54½	9	15½	19½
(*443½)	460	15½	24½	34	27	34½	35½
Land Sec	550	27½	23½	38	16	20	23
(*565)	600	5½	12½	17	52	53½	55
M & S	390	28½	36½	42	6	11	14
(*413)	420	10½	19½	25½	19½	25	28
Nat West	500	54	61	71	5½	13½	16½
(*541)	550	21½	32	42½	24	34½	37½
Sainsbury	420	20½	30½	36½	12	16	19½
(*431)	460	5	13	18½	38	40½	43
Shell	700	50	61½	68½	6½	13½	19½
(*733½)	750	19½	30½	40	25½	35	38½
Smkl Bch	460	45	53½	62	5½	12	19½
(*497)	500	20	29	39½	20	28	32
Storehse	240	12	18½	22	10	17½	14
(*242)	260	4	8½	13	23	24½	25½
Trafalgar	50	10½	12½	13½	1	2½	4
(*58)	60	4½	7	8½	4½	6½	8½
Unilever	1200	56½	85½	102½	19	30	36
(*1221½)	1250	29	57	73½	40	52½	58
Zeneca	900	51½	69	87½	19½	32½	42½
(*919)	950	28½	43½	61½	44	57½	67
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Grnd Met	390	15½	25	32½	3½	12	16
(*401)	420	2	10½	18	20	27½	32
Ladbroke	160	12½	18	21	0½	4	6½
(*171)	180	1½	7½	10½	9½	14	16½
Utd Bisc	330	21½	35	40	1	7½	12½
(*346½)	360	4½	18	24	14	20½	27

April 25, 1995 Tot: 29976 Call: 17341 Put: 12535 FT-SE Call: 6472 Put: 6190
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	28	37	44½	10	14½	18½
(*476½)	500	9	15	24½	32½	36	39½
Thames W	460	34½	38	43	11½	17	22½
(*496½)	500	10½	19	25	35	39	43½
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
BAT Ind	460	14½	29½	37	7½	20½	25½
(*466½)	500	1½	12	16½	34½	44½	48½
BTR	300	29½	37	41	0	2	7
(*328½)	330	6	17	21½	7	12	19
Br Aero	485	41½	–	–	2	–	–
(*519½)	571	12	–	–	20½	–	–
Br Telcm	390	11½	20½	25	4½	15	19
(*395½)	420	1	9	12½	24½	29	38
Cadbury	420	32½	44½	–	1	5	–
(*439½)	447	5½	21	–	12	19	–
Guinness	460	19	34	41	3½	11½	16½
(*474)	500	2½	14	20½	27	22½	30½
GEC	280	20½	25½	29	0½	8	4
(*296)	300	6	12	16	4½	15½	17½
Hanson	240	5½	11	14½	3	9½	13
(*241)	260	0½	4	7	19	23	25
LASMO	160	11	17	21	1	5	6½
(*165½)	180	2	7	11	12	15	16½
Lucas	180	13	20½	24	1	5½	9½
(*191)	200	2	9	13½	10½	15	19½
Pilkingtn	180	4½	9	14	4	6½	11½
(*180)	200	0	2½	6½	20	23	24
Prudential	300	17½	23	32	1½	5½	10½
(*315)	330	2	12	18½	19	20	25
Redland	420	10	25	31	1½	20½	27
(*427½)	460	0	11	15	40	49½	53
R-Royce	160	14	20	22½	0½	4	6½
(*172½)	180	1	6	12	9	13	16
Tesco	260	13½	21½	26	2	5½	9½
(*270½)	280	3	10½	15	11	15	18
Vodafone	180	14	19½	25	1	5	8
(*197½)	200	3	9	15	10	15½	15
Williams	330	12½	21	24½	5	10	15½
(*354½)	360	1½	9	11	26	28	33

FT-SE INDEX (*3214.9)

	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350
Calls						
May	129	87½	51½	27	12	4½
Jun	145	109	78½	52½	33	18½
Jul	172	136	107	80½	58	41
Aug	180½	153	123½	97	75	55½
Dec	252	–	190	–	142	–
Puts						
May	7½	16	31½	57½	93	137
Jun	21½	35	54½	79½	111	147½
Jul	37½	51½	71½	95½	124	159
Aug	47½	64½	84½	108½	137½	169
Dec	86½	–	125	–	176	–

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Natl	460	29	36½	45	7	15	16½
(*475½)	500	7	19	25½	29	36	39
Amstrad	175	15	–	–	2½	–	–
(*185)	200	3½	9½	13	17	20	22½
Barclays	600	51	63	74½	5	14½	20½
(*640)	650	18	33	45½	22½	36	41½
Blue Circ	280	17½	26	31½	6½	12	15½
(*298½)	300	8	16	21½	16½	22	25½
Br Gas	300	9	15	19	10½	14	19
(*302½)	330	0	5	8	35	36½	39
Dixons	220	14	19	22	6½	14½	17
(*226)	240	5	9	13½	18½	26	26½
Forte	220	16	22	25	2	5	7
(*231)	240	5	11	15	11½	14	16½
Hillsdwn	180	10	15½	20	3½	9½	8
(*186)	200	1½	7	10½	15	17½	19½
Lonrho	160	9	13	17½	5	9	11
(*162½)	180	2	5	9	19	21	22½
Sears	100	5½	8	9	2½	4	5
(*104½)	110	1	3	4½	9	10	10½
Thrn EMI	1100	47½	62	74	15½	38	45
(*1120½)	1150	22½	35½	50	40½	66	72½
Tomkins	220	21	27	30½	1½	5½	9½
(*229)	240	9	14	19	8	15	17½
TSB	240	17	23	27½	6½	12	15½
(*249)	260	7½	14	18	17½	22½	24
Wellcome	1000	67	74	–	0	1	–
(*1066)	1050	22½	31½	–	2	11	–
	Series	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo	700	54½	69½	79½	13	29	36½
(*735)	750	26	41½	52	35	53½	61
HSBC	700	67	85	104½	17	31	39½
(*740½)	750	39	58	79½	39	53½	63
Reuter	460	40	51½	61½	8½	14½	15
(*485½)	500	17	29½	39½	29½	32	34
	Series	**May**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**May**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Royal Ins	300	9½	16½	24½	5½	12½	19
(*305)	330	1½	7	11½	27	30	35½
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Fisons	180	11½	17½	22½	6	12	16
(*194)	200	4½	10	15½	22	25	29
	Series	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastern Gp	600	29½	47	59	5½	26	33
(*621)	650	6	22½	30	32	57	69½
	Series	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Nat Pwr.	420	37	41	48	5	10	12
(*452½)	460	10	19½	26½	24½	30½	31½
Scot Pwr	330	19	25	30½	7½	16	19½
(*333½)	360	5	10	17	24½	34	35½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 72015	Jun 95	3238.0	3252.0	3216.0	3225.0	12804
	Sep 95	3240.0	3240.0	3240.0	3247.0	2
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4236	Jun 95	3535.0	3545.0	3535.0	3530.0	9
	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 401556	Jun 95	92.87	92.99	92.75	92.75	57489
	Sep 95	92.44	92.46	92.31	92.32	32664
	Dec 95	92.14	92.16	92.03	92.04	13177
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1169	Jun 95				93.72	0
	Sep 95				93.61	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 692422	Jun 95	95.37	95.39	95.36	95.38	14094
	Sep 95	95.25	95.26	95.22	95.24	30214
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 85225	Jun 95	104-08	104-09	103-22	103-23	40735
	Sep 95				103-10	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	116.62	116.96	116.59	116.88	3563
	Sep 95	115.74	115.98	115.69	115.97	1030
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 179796	Jun 95	92.81	92.87	92.49	92.61	99061
	Sep 95	92.26	92.26	92.05	92.03	1127
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 18640	Jun 95	93.61	93.62	93.53	93.56	1595
	Sep 95	93.55	93.56	95.45	93.47	1330
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 40818	Jun 95	96.42	96.45	96.40	96.44	2865
	Sep 95	96.32	96.34	96.29	96.32	1622
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 45649	Jun 95	95.90	94.29	93.11	93.34	22630
	Sep 95	93.10	93.10	93.10	92.69	3

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: *O/night high: 7 Low 6 Week fixed: 6¾*
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅜; 3 mth 6⁷⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth: 6⁵⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¾-6⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¹³⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆

Overnight: open 6¾ close 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅛	7⅝
Sterling CDs:	6¾-6⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅞-6¾	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	6.00	n/a	6.06	6.20	6.42
Building Society CDs:	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7³⁄₁₆-7⅛	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 22, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.67%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆	5-4
French Franc:	8-7½	8-7¾	7⅞-7¾	7⅞-7⅝	8½-6½
Swiss Franc:	3½-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3¼-2½
Yen:	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1⅝-1½	1½-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $389.70-390.10 **Close:** $389.60-390.10 **High:** $390.65-391.15
Low: $388.50-389.00 *AM:* $390.20 *PM:* $389.75

Krugerrand: $392.00-395.00 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $435.25 (£271.60) **Silver:** $5.70 (£3.515) **Palladium:** $162.50 (£100.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4620-2.4789	2.4757-2.4789	½-⅜pr	1⅝-1½pr
Brussels	45.27-45.65	45.55-45.65	7-4pr	18-13pr
Copenhagen	8.6080-8.7230	8.7080-8.7230	⅛-⅜ds	⅝-1ds
Dublin	0.9805-0.9876	0.9851-0.9876	par-3ds	1pr-4ds
Frankfurt	2.1997-2.2088	2.2045-2.2076	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Lisbon	232.84-234.76	234.12-234.76	69-78ds	210-232ds
Madrid	197.11-198.37	197.71-198.01	40-49ds	121-136ds
Milan	2713.10-2739.40	2724.50-2734.40	8-12ds	24-31ds
Montreal	2.1913-2.2111	2.2045-2.2076	0.25-0.30ds	0.45-0.52ds
New York	1.6056-1.6194	1.6160-1.6170	0.06-0.04pr	0.25-0.20pr
Oslo	9.9260-9.9910	9.9650-9.9810	1½-⅝pr	4-2¾pr
Paris	7.7750-7.8110	7.7890-7.8030	1-1¾ds	2-2¾ds
Stockholm	11.8720-11.9320	11.8810-11.9060	2-2¾ds	6¾-7¾ds
Tokyo	132.14-133.75	132.46-132.71	⅜-¼pr	1⅜-1¼pr
Vienna	15.46-15.56	15.48-15.51	2½-1½pr	8-6pr
Zurich	1.8263-1.8325	1.8276-1.8305	½-⅜pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3743-1.3753
Austria	9.57-9.58
Belgium (Com)	27.98-27.99
Canada	*1.3660-1.3670*
Denmark	5.3570-5.3620
France	4.8085-4.8105
Germany	1.3593-1.3603
Hong Kong	7.7362-7.7372
Ireland	1.6463-1.6473
Italy	1684.0-1684.9
Japan	81.55-81.60
Malaysia	2.4517-2.4527
Netherlands	1.5220-1.5225
Norway	6.1330-6.1370
Portugal	143.95-144.05
Singapore	1.3905-1.3915
Spain	*121.90-122.00*
Sweden	7.3424-7.3524
Switzerland	1.1240-1.1250

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	*1.6178-1.6205*
Australia dollar	2.2220-2.2249
Bahrain dinar	0.5990-0.6110
Brazil real*	1.4835-1.4877
China yuan	13.15 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6985-0.7085
Finland markka	6.7825-6.8985
Greece drachma	356.25-363.25
Hong Kong dollar	*12.5215-12.5309*
India rupee	49.96-50.92
Indonesia rupiah	3542.00-3610.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4640-0.4740
Malaysia ringgit	*3.9707-3.9747*
New Zealand dollar	2.3920-2.3970
Pakistan rupee	49.77 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9575-6.0835
Singapore dollar	*2.2504-2.2534*
S Africa rand (com)	5.8328-5.8393
U A E dirham	5.8350-5.9590

Barclays Bank GTS Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	605	Legal & Gn	2,000
ASDA Gp	17,000	Lloyds Bk	2,600
Abbey Natl	5,200	MEPC	422
Alld Dom	769	Marks Spr	4,700
Argyll Gp	4,100	NatWst Bk	2,500
Arjo Wiggn	1,100	Nat Power	2,500
AB Foods	765	Nth Wst W	523
BAA	647	P & O	2,100
BAT Inds	9,800	Pearson	858
BOC	691	PowerGen	564
BP	19,000	Prudential	2,800
BTR	5,400	RMC	618
BT	8,700	RTZ	1,500
Bk of Scot	2,200	Rank Org	3,900
Barclays	2,800	Reckitt Col	608
Bass	2,100	Redland	2,600
Blue Circle	931	Reed Intl	1,400
Boots	1,100	*Rentokil*	1,700
Bowater	1,100	Reuters	1,600
Brit Aero	1,200	Rolls Royce	14,000
Brit Airwys	4,800	Ryl Ins	3,200
Brit Gas	5,600	Ryl Bk Scot	2,300
Brit Steel	21,000	Sainsbury	1,500
Burmah Cstl	451	Schroders	293
Cable Wire	3,300	Scot & New	724
Cadbury	6,000	Scot Power	381
Caradon	559	Sears	19,000
Carlton Cms	371	*Svrn Trent*	953
Cm Union	1,600	Shell Trans	6,200
Courtaulds	396	Siebe	1,400
De La Rue	722	SmKl Bch	4,700
Eastern Elec	505	Smith Nph	1,300
Enterpr Oil	4,300	*Sthern Elec*	906
Forte	5,800	Std Chartd	3,800
GKN	532	Sun Allnce	1,100
GRE	3,300	TI Gp	2,500
GUS	1,600	TSB	6,400
Gen Acc	1,200	Tate & Lyle	3,400
Gen Elec	4,200	Tesco	7,000
Glaxo	5,900	Thames W	455
Granada	3,500	Thrn EMI	722
Grand Met	5,400	Tomkins	1,800
Guinness	2,300	Unilever	1,100
HSBC	6,200	Utd Bisc	823
Hanson	7,500	Vodafone	9,200
ICI	1,700	Warburg	777
Inchcape	2,600	Whitbread	1,500
Kingfisher	724	Wilms Hld	2,800
Ladbroke	1,700	Wolseley	2,300
Land Secs	379	Zeneca	2,700

	Apr 25 midday	Apr 24 close
AMP Inc	41½	41½
AMR Corp	67½	65½
AT & T	49½	49½
Abbott Labs	38½	38½
Advanced Micro	35½	35
Aetna Life	56½	57½
Ahmanson (HF)	20½	20½
Air Prod & Chem	51½	52
Albertson's	31½	32
Alcan Alumnm	28½	28½
Alco Standard	71½	72½
Allied Signal	39½	40
Alum Co of Am	45½	45½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	51½	50½
Amer Brands	38½	39
Amer El Power	32½	32½
Amer Express	35	35
Amer Genl Corp	32½	32½
Amer Home Pr	77½	77½
Amer Intl	104½	105½
Amer Stores	25½	25½
Ameritech	44	44½
Amoco	65	64½
Anheuser-Busch	59	59½
Apple Computer	38½	39
Archer Daniels	18½	18½
Armco	7½	7½
Armstrng Wrld	44½	44
Asarco	27	27
Ashland Oil	37½	37½
Atl Richfield	116	115½
Auto Data Pro	63½	64
Avery Dennison	40½	39½
Avon Products	64½	65½
Baker Hughes	22½	22½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	24
Banc One	29½	30
BankAmerica	49½	49½
Bank of NY	32	32½
Bankers Tr NY	53½	53½
Barnett Banks	46½	46½
Bausch & Lomb	39½	39½
Baxter Intl	34½	34
Becton Dickinsn	56½	56
Bell Atlantic	53½	53½
Bell Industries	20½	20½
BellSouth	61½	61½
Black & Decker	30	30½
Block (H&R)	41½	41½
Boeing	50½	50½
Boise Cascade	32½	31½
Bristol Myrs Sq	65½	65
Browning Ferris	32½	32½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	59½	60½
CBS	61½	61½
CNA Financial	75½	75½
CPC Intl	59½	59½
CSX	80½	80½
Campbell Soup	50½	50½
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpd Cities ABC	82½	84½
Carolina Pwr	27½	27½
Caterpillar	56½	55½
Central & SW	25	25
Champion Intl	43½	43½
Chase Manhat	44½	44½
Chemical Bk	42½	41½
Chevron Corp	46½	46½
Chrysler	44½	44½
Chubb Corp	78½	79½
Cigna Corp	70½	71
Citicorp	48½	48½
Clorox	58½	57½
Coastal Corp	29½	29½
Coca Cola	58½	58½
Colgate-Palmolive	70½	70½
Columbia Gas	29	30
Compaq Comp	38½	37½
Comp Ass Intl	63½	61½
Conagra	33½	33½
Conrail	54½	54½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	39½	39½
Cooper Inds	39½	39½
Corning Inc	36½	34½
Crown Cork	42½	42½
Dana Corp	25	25
Dayton Hudson	67½	67½
Deere	84½	83½
Delta Air Lines	60½	59½
Deluxe Corp	30½	30½
Detroit Edison	28½	28½
Digital Equip	45½	45½
Dillard Dept St	25½	25½
Disney (Walt)	55½	55½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donnelley (RR)	33½	33½
Dover Corp	64½	64½
Dow Chemical	71½	71½
Dow Jones	34½	34½
Dresser	21½	21½
Duke Power	39½	39½
Dun & Bradstreet	51½	52½
Du Pont	64½	63½
Eastman Kodak	57½	58½
Eaton Corp	37½	38½
Emerson Elec	66½	66½
Engelhard Corp	38	37½

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Enron Corp	33½	34
Entergy	21½	21½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	70	69½
FMC Corp	60½	60½
FPL Group	37	37½
Federal Express	67½	67½
Fed Nat Mtge	85½	85
First Chicago	54½	54½
First Interstate	76½	76½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	32½	32½
Fluor Corp	48½	48½
Ford Motor	27½	27½
GTE Corp	34	33½
Gannett	52½	52½
Gap Inc Del	32	32½
Gen Dynamics	46½	46½
Gen Electric	55½	55½
Gen Mills	61½	61½
Gen Motors	44½	44½
Gen Reinsurance	128½	129½
Gen Signal	37	37½
Genuine Parts	39½	39½
Georgia Pac	78½	78½
Gillette	81½	82½
Glaxo ADR	23½	23½
Goodrich (BF)	45½	46½
Goodyear Tire	37½	37½
Grace (WR)	52½	53
Gt Atl Pac Tea	25½	25½
Great West Fin	20½	20½
Halliburton	38½	39½
Harcourt General	39½	39½
Heinz (HJ)	42½	42½
Hercules	49½	49½
Hershey Foods	53½	53½
Hewlett Packard	66	66½
Hilton Hotels	76½	75½
Home Depot	41½	41½
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	38½	39½
Household Intl	46½	47½
Houston Inds	39½	39½
Humana	20½	21½
ITT Corp	104½	104½
Illinois Tool	49½	50½
Illinova	23½	23
INCO	26½	26½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	35½
Inland Steel	27	27½
Intel Corp	97½	96½
IBM	95½	93½
Intl Flav & Fr	51½	51½
Intl Paper	75½	74½
James River Va	26½	26½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	63½	63½
Kellogg	63½	64½
Kerr-McGee	51½	51½
Kimberly-Clark	58	58½
Kmart	14½	15½
Knight-Ridder	56½	56½
Lilly (Eli)	74½	76½
Limited Inc	21½	21½
LIN Brdcstng	123½	123½
Lincoln Nat	40½	41½
Litton	35½	35½
Liz Claiborne	18½	19
Lockheed Martin	59½	59
Louisiana Pac	25½	25½
MCI Comm	22½	22½
Marriott Intl	34½	34½
Marsh & McLnn	79½	78½
Masco Corp	25	25½
May Dept St	35½	35½
Maytag Corp	17	16½
McDonalds	35½	35½
McDonnell D	60	60½
McGraw Hill	72½	72½
Mead Corp	50½	50½
Medtronic	73½	73½
Mellon Bk	38½	38½
Melville Corp	35½	35½
Merck Inc	43	43½
Merrill Lynch	44½	45
Minnesota Mine	59½	60½
Mobil Corp	94	92½
Monsanto	83½	83½
Morgan (JP)	65½	65½
Motorola Inc	56	54½
Natl Semi	20½	19½
Natl Service Ind	28	28½
Navistar Int	13½	13½
NBD Bancorp	30½	30½
NY Times A	23½	24
Newmont Mng	42½	42½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	74½	74
NL Industries	14½	14½
Noram Energy	6½	6½
Nordstrom	37½	37½
Norfolk Sthrn	65½	66½
Nthn States Pwr	44	44½
Norwest Corp	26	26
Nynex Corp	38½	39½
Occidental Pet	23½	22½
Ohio Edison	20½	20½
Oracle Systems	30½	30½
Oryx Energy Co	12½	13
Owens Corning	36½	36½

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PPG Industries	39½	39
PNC Bank	25½	25½
Paccar Inc	44	42½
Pacificorp	18½	19
Pac Enterprises	24½	24½
Pac Gas & Elect	25½	26½
Pac Telesis	31	30½
Pall Corp	22½	22½
Panhandle East	24	23½
Parker Hannifin	51½	52½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	43½	43½
Pennzoil	49½	49½
Pepsico	41½	41½
Pfizer	85½	86½
Phelps Dodge	55½	55½
Philip Morris	68½	67½
Phillips Pet	35½	35½
Pitney Bowes	37	36½
Polaroid	34½	34½
PriceCostco	14½	14½
Procter & Gmbl	69½	70
Providian	34½	34½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	34½	34½
Ralston Purina	47½	46½
Raychem Corp	39½	39½
Raytheon	70½	70½
Reebok Intl	32½	32
Reynolds Metals	50½	50½
Roadway Srvcs	45½	45½
Rockwell Intl	44	44
Rohm & Haas	57½	57½
Royal Dutch	123½	123½
Rubbermaid	30½	30½
Safeco Corp	55½	55½
St Paul's Cos	49½	49½
Salomon Inc	34½	35
Santa Fe Pac	13½	13½
Sara Lee Corp	28½	28½
Seacorp	16½	16½
Schering Plough	76½	77½
Schlumberger	63½	64
Scott Paper	88½	88½
Seagram	26½	26½
Sears Roebuck	54	54½
Shell Trans	71½	70½
Sherwin Wlms	35½	35½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	36½	36½
Southern Co	20½	21
Sthwestern Bell	43½	43½
Sprint Corp	31½	31½
Stanley Works	40½	40½
Sun Company	30½	30½
Sun Microsys	38½	38
Suntrust	54	54½
Supervalu	26	26
Sysco Corp	27½	27½
TRW Inc	72½	72½
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	48½	48½
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Texas Utilities	32½	32½
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Timken	39½	40½
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USAIR Group	7½	7½
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US West	41½	41½
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Westinghouse El	15	15½
Weyerhaeuser	40½	40½
Whirlpool	55½	56½
Whitman	18½	18½
Winn Dixie	55½	55½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46½	46½
Xerox	119½	119½
Yellow Corp	17½	18

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Payoff or payout?

IT IS nail-biting time at SG Warburg where employees have been told that they must wait until May 29, and publication of year-end results, to learn what, if any, is their financial lot. In happier years, staff would have been told in early April of their bonus, profit sharing, and/or salary increase. However, the year to March 31 was not a happy one, and having already served profit alerts, nobody expects the results to make cheerful reading. Over the year, Warburg has shown many an employee the swing-door, and 1995 figures will bear the redundancy scars. Some of the nimble did manage to reach the exit well ahead of the sword destined to tap them on the shoulder. However, if anybody had thought about other career prospects, they are having to wait to learn whether or not they are on or off chairman Sir David Scholey's list for year-end treats.

Scholey: year-end treats

Well-placed

HOOT! Alec Reed, founder and chairman of Reed Personnel Services, who has placed many a City star in his time, has received a most odd letter from America. Alec is asked for his professional help in finding a vice-president and managing director international for the sender's firm which is . . . Kelly Services. Alec's reply is in the post.

A woman's right

NEVER — ever — underestimate the power of City Women's Network, whose members are tackling tomorrow's Take Our Daughters to Work Day with a vengeance. CWN — and their daughters — are crossing the threshold of the Athenaeum Club *en masse*. Within the Athenaeum's hallowed halls they will be addressed by, among others, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, the UK's most senior woman judge. Vivienne Carlton of CWN gives the following undertakings ahead of the storming of the male bastion — "I promise — no demonstrations, no abseiling, no chaining of ourselves to club railings. We don't even have an Emily Pankhurst among our members," she says, adding, "men are welcome at all CWN events."

Union blues

OH THE irony of it. More than 32,000 members of UNiFI, the union that represents Barclays staff, have been given an extra week to vote on whether to take strike action over pay. The deadline is now 5pm on May 3. The extension follows "industrial action in North East post offices which meant that thousands of members in that area did not receive ballot papers sent out to them on April 10".

THE Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia, included in the outline of its graduation procedures this advice to students: "At the conclusion of the ceremony, marshals will instruct you when to join the recession."

COLIN CAMPBELL

IoD chief strikes a balance while keeping options open

Director-General takes institute's message to a wider audience, reports Philip Bassett

Britain's company directors are under fire probably as never before. In spite of their companies' rising profitability, increasing output, good order books and strong exports, the running row over boardroom pay — with its accusations of fat-cat greed and back-scratching mutual salary rises — is laying directors open to unprecedented attack.

Leaders of the Institute of Directors are determined that their annual conference today will be part of a fresh attempt to rebut the criticism — stressing instead the value and importance of wealth creation which company directors uniquely bring to Britain's economy. Company directors will be urged to look way beyond the UK's shores towards winning in world markets.

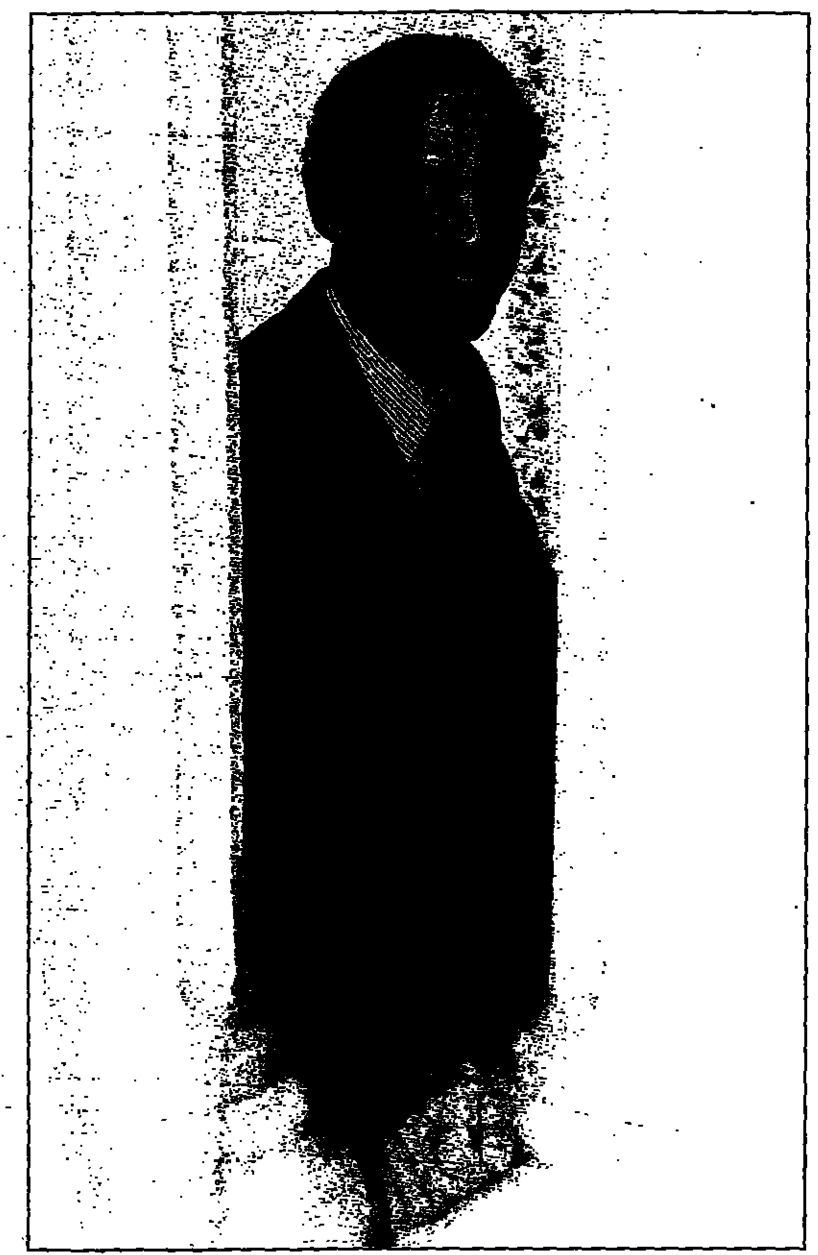
A clutch of business leaders — Sir Colin Marshall, the British Airways chairman, John Towers, chief executive of Rover, and Hugh Jenkins, chief executive of the Prudential — will join Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and Peter Sutherland, of the World Trade Organisation, in banging the drum both for business and for company directors in particular.

For Tim Melville-Ross, former head of Nationwide Building Society, today will be his first conference as the IoD's Director-General. Though he insists his own views are in line with the IoD's core creed of free markets, free trade, competition, low taxation and low public spending, he is aware that his open, communicative style is prompting suspicions from the right and a broader judgment elsewhere that he is trying to draw the IoD more into the business and political mainstream.

At the same time, though, on a range of issues — but especially Europe and the single currency — the IoD appears to be allying itself strongly with the Eurosceptic wing of the Conservative party, exemplified by Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary and guest of honour at this year's IoD dinner.

Outsiders see this as an attempt to strike a balance: a move by Mr Melville-Ross to maintain the IoD's traditional support from the free-market right, from which position it was a successful lobby group in the Thatcherite 1980s, and at the same time to shift its ground to give it greater purchase with the more fissiparous Conservatism of the mid-1990s. He denies it. "We have to be consistent," he says. "We have to keep showing people why it is what we are saying makes sense." New research and policy papers to be published next month on the social chapter and the single currency will in addition restate IoD core values.

Yet, the shift in the political context in which the IoD operates is leaving the IoD at risk. It has gone from the point where, in the early 1980s, many of its ideas appeared almost without change in a string of proposals for new laws to now where its Eurosceptic thinking is an important strand, but only one of many, in the Government's approach. After all, in the play for the future of Conservatism, the Eurosceptic-Portillo faction may lose.

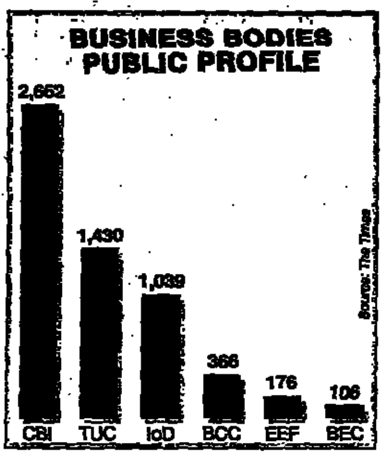


Tim Melville-Ross maintains that his organisation has to be consistent

Mr Heseltine's appearance today, on top of a private lunch with the IoD's leaders last week, suggests that Mr Melville-Ross is striving to keep options open. His acknowledgement, too, reported by *The Times* today, that — even if he regards it as likely to be economically damaging to Britain — business largely accepts that Labour will win the next general election is a wider illustration of that point and may indicate the even greater risk to the IoD of losing influence which a change of government would bring.

Buoyed up by rising membership and finances, IoD officials point to a slew of internal polling figures all suggesting the continuing impact of the institute: 57 per cent say it is in touch with today's business, 53 per cent say it is a good voice for industry, 60 per cent see it as influential.

In public terms, the IoD still struggles against the idea of the Confederation of British Industry as the main voice for business. A computer scan by *The Times* of the contents of 28 leading British newspapers over the past year, charting the number of items about each of the leading business organisations, including the CBI, IoD, chambers of commerce, EEF engineering and BEC building employers, and even, for comparison, the TUC, which appears in the graph, is a rough-and-ready index of the scale of the IoD's public profile gap.



Partly this is a general business problem. A recent study by Understanding Industry showed that the majority of students could not say what the initials CBI stood for, or name three top British companies.

But then, unlike other business bodies, the IoD offers benefits which they do not. It is hard to imagine too many company heads socialising in the cramped offices behind Westminster Abbey of the British Chambers of Commerce, for instance, or in the bleak house of the CBI's Centre Point building. But the IoD's rather grand Pall Mall headquarters, just across the road from the Athenaeum, provides an impressive setting for the networking and individual member benefits which IoD leaders promote as an active draw to company directors.

For many of these, the IoD's activities as a business lobby body are interesting, but not central. Even IoD leaders accept that many are much more likely to be keen on the IoD as an elegant lunch and meetings venue, or on the IoD Visa Goldcard, or the near-40 per cent IoD discount on rooms at London's Park Lane Hilton Hotel, or 25 per cent off at Champneys Health Club, or the special £200-a-head IoD package at Royal Ascot in June.

Tim Melville-Ross acknowledges that the social and networking aspects of IoD membership will be as usual an important part of today's conference too. Perhaps they need to be, for after years of being a successful showcase for entrepreneurialism in the UK, last year's annual convention was acknowledged both within the institute and outside as somehow falling oddly flat.

However, since Mr Melville-Ross took over, the IoD has sharply improved its game. Its bi-monthly business opinion survey, for instance, was largely derided by policymakers at the Treasury and elsewhere as statistically flaky. Now the survey, the latest edition of which will be published at the weekend, has been substantially upgraded and shaped as an economic tool under its new economist Michael Taylor.

In spite of his communication skills, Mr Melville-Ross, though, has managed to raise eyebrows himself. Hanson, for instance, was reported as being angry about some of his statements on high executive pay awards, and indeed his apparent readiness to speak out on the top pay row has annoyed some other members of the Government-backed committee examining the issue under Sir Richard Greenbury, the Marks and Spencer chairman.

But at the same time, the IoD's promptness in at least starting to address the top pay problem with a set of mostly well-received guidelines on setting pay, which are likely to act as a benchmark at least until Greenbury reports, has drawn praise from industry, as has — for those in business who share the view — its robust rejection of a number of European moves, including compulsory works councils and full economic and monetary union.

Mr Melville-Ross points to the IoD's never-disguised opposition to the exchange-rate mechanism of the European Monetary System as an indication of the institute's consistency, and stresses that whatever the context — a different brand of Conservatism in power, a different brand of government in power — the IoD will continue to promote its free-market principles: "Just because the other side may win there is no reason for us to change our position."

ANTHONY HARRIS

The dollar: a problem for everyone else

The lectures which, as I write, are certainly being read to the US on its "responsibilities" for the dollar come from all the best authorities: Tokyo, Frankfurt and the IMF.

All the same, they are misdirected. Americans who remark that the dollar is a problem not for them but for everyone else may sound arrogant, but they are correct. The responsibility for solving a reserve currency crisis rests with the strong, as the US showed in the 1940s when it sponsored the Bretton Woods system and provided the finance to make it work. The trouble is that no-one has been prepared to follow their example.

The crisis, which at this stage is a crisis mainly for the Japanese and the D-mark bloc, has been brewing for a quarter of a century, and was historically inevitable. In a multicurrency world, any country whose money is held by all others as a reserve is at first the lord of creation: it can invest worldwide simply by printing money. In the 1950s, most world discussions were concerned with the seeming permanent dollar famine: and General De Gaulle started his long campaign against dollar imperialism.

In the long run, though, the reserve provider is pushed into large trade deficit, as others seek to earn money to service the capital they have borrowed and to build their reserves. Britain, at the peak of the previous cycle in 1910, had a trade deficit of a tenth of GNP. The predator becomes a victim, the creditor a debtor; and its currency slowly collapses. Short of the creation of a world trading currency managed by a world central bank — the solution proposed by Keynes at the Bretton Woods conference — this game of pass-the-parcel is bound to continue.

However both Germany, since the ill-tempered dollar-mark crisis of the late 1960s, and more recently Japan, have tried to resist taking their turn. That is why we have a European monetary system illogically based on the dollar as the currency of intervention. In the end, though, they will be elected by market forces, and the distaste of central banks for holding reserves which seem to be endlessly falling in value. Much of the recent currency pressure has come from the smaller central banks — Taiwan, the Philippines and Sweden, among other — switching their reserves out of dollars, mainly into yen or D-marks. The question is how this demand is to be met.

The US might help marginally by issuing foreign currency debt, as it has before; but only Japan and Germany can create unlimited assets in their own currencies. At the moment, the markets are forcing their hands by pushing their currencies up to levels that will in the end drive them into trade deficit and ever-bigger exports of capital.

This causes domestic agony for the Japanese: it is not surprising that they want the Americans to make the dollar desirable again. The Germans see the main strain falling on their mark-bloc partners and have so far managed a more statesmanlike detachment, which causes less offence. But they could surely both more usefully try swimming with the tide, by offering to swap reserve assets with any central bank wanting to make the switch. This would leave them with huge unwanted dollar holdings; but there are worse fates. This would sterilise reserve switching; but commercial pressures would continue. These arise quite largely out of a contrast in central bank styles.

The Fed responds to any crisis threatening systemic financial damage by letting bust institutions collapse, but supplying new reserves on a large scale. The 1987 market crash, the banking crisis of the early Nineties, and now the Mexican collapse all fit this pattern. This has successfully nurtured new growth to fill the holes left by financial disasters.

The Japanese (and the French) prefer monetary purity, aid for the disabled, and managed markets: the Germans sit virtuously on the sidelines. Result: a dollar glut. A meeting of minds here would help; but it seems unlikely.

Robert Miller on Abbey's advance on N&P

Sting in the society squabble

Today's annual meeting at National & Provincial Building Society should have been a tame affair. However, since Abbey National declared its intention to bid for N&P, the meeting that ordinarily attracts fewer than 40 people, mostly employees, can expect to be packed.

In readiness for the rush, the venue has been switched to the Norfolk Gardens Hotel in the centre of Bradford to cope with the extra numbers expected.

Members looking for enlightenment will be disappointed: Lord Shuttleworth, chairman of N&P, will read from a prepared statement in an effort to stop the Abbey National proposal dominating the whole meeting. Some hope. With the prospect of an average bonus payout of about £650 for N&P members, the N&P board will face some probing questions.

Lord Shuttleworth's statement says that the N&P board, while not dismissing the Abbey's advances out of hand, "will evaluate all relevant options carefully and will make a recommendation when it has completed its evaluation of the appropriate way forward. This is likely to take some time." Many N&P members, however, may ask why, 18 months or so after receiving and promptly rejecting the first overture from Abbey National, the society's board seems to have no clearer strategy of where it is going. Alastair Lyons, chief executive of N&P, says that he has not received any relevant bid documentation from Abbey National.

Depending on the answers that they receive at today's meeting, N&P members may wish to petition the building society to call an extraordinary meeting to consider Abbey National's move in more detail. In theory, it is not difficult to drum up the necessary support to meet the rules governing extraordinary meetings. These state that provided that 100 qualifying members sign a petition calling for the special meeting, the society in question must do so.

Abbey advance: Lord Tugendhat, left, and Peter Birch

In the recent £1.8 billion Lloyds Bank takeover of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, dissatisfied members of the C&G Alternatives action group forced the society to convene an extra meeting. At present, it appears unlikely that any fledgling N&P action group would receive financial assistance from Abbey National. The bid for N&P, seemingly against the wishes of N&P's board, signals a new era for building society mergers. In the past, the timing of a merger announcement was in the hands of the parties concerned. Or, in the case of the merger and subsequent stock market flotation of the Halifax and Leeds Permanent building societies, details had to be brought forward after the deal had been leaked to the press.

Talks between the two societies, however, were well advanced by that stage. This is not the case in Abbey National's advance on N&P.

Abbey National has made no secret of the fact that it's previous bid for N&P was rejected in November 1993. Since then, the former building society turned bank insists that it has regularly renewed its interest in opening up merger talks. Not so, says N&P. That the news of Abbey National's bid was leaked in the weekend press is beyond dispute. Both sides had the motive for leaking the news. Abbey National, it could be said, frustrated by what it sees as the blocking tactics of N&P's board, decided to appeal above the heads of the society's directors to N&P's 3 million customers just days before the annual meeting. Equally, N&P could say that it was fed up with Abbey National's persistent overtures and wanted to make public the pressure that the society was being put under.

Abbey National, although reluctant to make public pronouncements that could inflame the situation, is understood to be baffled by the N&P response. Lord Tugendhat and Peter Birch, respectively chairman and chief executive of the Abbey National, might argue that it is not as if its bid for the society was a bolt out of the blue. Privately, Abbey National is saying that its long-standing proposal for a tie-up with N&P has never been put directly to the society's members, who own the assets.

For the moment at least, it appears that Abbey National's valuation of about £1 billion for N&P includes a substantial premium over net assets of £732 million, which would be shared between 1.7 million qualifying members. Any other suitor, and there are others, will find it difficult to match, let alone beat, Abbey National's sums. If they do, and they are a publicly listed company, they may have angry shareholders to answer to for squandering their money. Either way, it promises to be an interesting few weeks.

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Pacific	312.30	332.20	+ 0.20	
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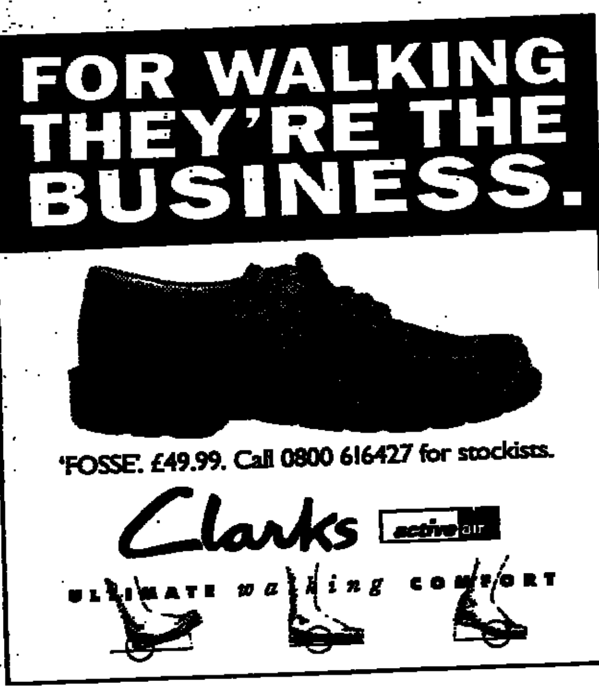
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He made us smile with his Hart

Many of the century's finest lyrics were written by a heroically sad, drunken little man born 100 years ago next week. **Richard Morrison** reports

Can the saddest night of somebody's life also be their finest moment? The night I am thinking of is March 31, 1943. The great Broadway composer Richard Rodgers had taken a gamble. After 20 years, he had ditched his lyricist, who was lapsing into terminal alcoholism, and turned to a wordsmith who had not had a Broadway hit in years.

Together they had adapted Lynn Riggs's *Green Grow the Lilacs*, a folksy play about farmers and cowboys. The title hardly packed a punch, so Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II renamed it *Oklahoma!* What unfolded that night, and on the 2,247 Broadway nights that followed, redefined musical theatre.

But what of that ditched lyricist? Even in the age of Porter and Coward his ingenious rhymes and dazzling wit were unsurpassed. For two decades Lorenz Hart had been a prince of Broadway. Even in New York seasons when 250 new shows had opened, his collaborations with Rodgers had been the toast of the town.

Now, as he sat watching *Oklahoma!*, he recognised a future in which he would play no part. Did he succumb to jealousy? If so, he hid it majestically. As Rodgers pushed his way through the after-show crush at Sardi's, Hart rushed up to him. "Dick, I've never had a better evening in my life," he said. "This show will be around 20 years from now."

Then the tiny, raddled Hart melted into the crowd, and into oblivion. Eight months later the booze killed him.

The choreographer George Balanchine called Hart "the Shelley of America". The actress Edith Meiser said he was "the American Toulouse-Lautrec". And next Tuesday, when every song-loving person in the civilised world should be celebrating the centenary of Hart's birth, more grand comparisons will doubtless be made.

But Hart surely spoke his own epitaph. After a long night of serious imbibing, he turned to his protégé, Alan Jay Lerner, and said: "I've got a lot of talent, kid. If I cared, I probably could have been a genius." Is there a more magnificent shrug of self-deprecation in all of Broadway mythology?

The fact is, only one thing in popular song can surpass the sweeping genius of a great Hart opening chorus . . .

> ‘He was a mess, even before the drink took hold’

I'm wild again
Beguiled again
A simpering, whimpering
child again

. . . and that is a great Hart second chorus, laced even more strongly with sardonic humour:

Vexed again
Perplexed again
Thank God I can be
oversexed again

It is probable that the strait-laced Rodgers hardly understood his collaborator at all. Rodgers was a meticulous workaholic who approached the task of composition with all the spontaneity of an accountant totting up a column of figures.

Hart, on the other hand, was a mess, even before the drink took hold. He rarely saw the morning. He was in constant emotional turmoil and supremely unsuccessful in his love life. As Lerner noted, he "seemed deprived of the happiness his lyrical gifts gave to others". Perhaps that is why his most touching lyrics — *My Funny Valentine*, *The Lady is a Tramp* — seem to be addressed consolingly to other misfits: "Your looks are laughable; unphotographable. Yet you're my fav'rite work of art."

But when paper, pencil and deadline lay before Hart, that mess of a brain became razor-sharp. *Ten Cents a Dance* was knocked off in half an hour when Florenz Ziegfeld demanded something "not too highbrow": no finer articulation of a prostitute's contempt for her clients has yet been made in song.

Even at the end of his life, Hart's verbal ability was undimmed. His last song, *To Keep My Love Alive*, is a splendid exercise in romance-mocking black comedy:

I've married many men,
A ton of them,
And yet I was untrue to
none of them,
Because I bumped off ev'ry
one of them
To keep my love alive.

Hart had met Rodgers, seven years his junior, in 1918. But the two only broke into professional show-writing in 1925 with *The Garrick Gaieties*. Needing seven songs in a hurry, they resuscitated one from an earlier effort. The song was *Manhattan*. The public knew a good thing when they heard it. In the next 12 months, Rodgers and Hart banged out six more musicals.

Thereafter (apart from an unsuccessful period in Hollywood) they turned out one musical a year for 15 years, culminating in the triumphant succession of *On Your Toes*, *Babes in Arms*, *The Boys from Syracuse* and *Pal Joey*. The plots are mostly preposterous: not surprisingly, since they were largely designed to accommodate the egos of the various stars. But the songs: they will live for as long as there are performers who appreciate a well-turned line.

RANGE/BETTMANN

Lorenz Hart and Richard Rodgers: it was the perfect partnership until Hart's drinking affected his ability to work

By the early 1940s, however, Hart had lost the will to work. The fraught final collaboration, *By Jupiter*, was completed in the hospital where Hart was drying out. The pragmatic Rodgers camped in a guest room with his Steinway until he had extracted every last lyric from his partner. It was then that he told Hart that he was dumping him.

Hart must have seen it coming, but if he was bitter the only clue lies in his lyrics:

When love congeals
It soon reveals
The faint aroma of
performing seals,
The double-crossing of a
pair of heels

As fate would have it, Hart's centenary is followed this summer (on July 12) by Hammerstein's. Comparisons will be inevitable: not only because both lyricists were Rodgers's partners, but also because they seem so diametrically opposed as characters.

Hart was the playboy, tossing off sensational lyrics with insouciant ease between bourbons; Hammerstein was the family man — a predictable, apple-pie American, painstakingly polishing a single song for weeks, like a minor canon composing a sermon. Hart fertilised something zestful and saucy in Rodgers's musical imagination; Hammerstein intensified the composer's hymn-writing tendency. Hart cared not a fig for dramatic cohesion or for posterity; Hammerstein earnestly crafted moralising blockbusters designed to dominate the stage for years.

Hart or Hammerstein: who was the greater? It is a daft question, of course, yet it produces strident opinions. "Of the thousands of working musicians who still approach Rodgers and Hart with the eagerness of kindred spirits, there is hardly one who warms to the popular appeal of Rodgers and Hammerstein," says the broadcaster Benny Green. "Many of Hammerstein's librettos were catastrophes on an epic scale."

That seems a little hard. *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *The Sound of Music*: these are not catastrophes, or at least not within the normal meaning of the word. Nevertheless, they did exercise a sobering influence that persists to this day. After Hammerstein, musicals had to be mature, unified entities that admitted no self-debunking pranks and ran like well-oiled machines. They were controlled by total professionals, not men who got drunk in bars and said things like "If I cared, I probably could have been a genius".

Thank God, then, that Hart lived when he did. Twenty years later, and he would have been an anachronism before he had begun — or else turning out impossibly clever jingles in some advertising agency. Which would have been a waste.

● Lorenz Hart: A Poet on Broadway *by Frederick Nolan, is reviewed tomorrow*

Chipper off the old block

POP

Deana Carter
Jazz Café, NW1

TRY coming from Nashville with the family name of Carter and persuading anyone who will listen that you are not pure country. It might explain why Deana Carter is only just getting noticed in a broader musical field at the age of 29.

But Deana hails not from the Carter-Cash dynasty; she is the daughter of the session player Fred Carter Jr. Though steeped in Nashville tradition, she has emerged this year as another of the breed whose stylistic span reaches beyond country.

Patriot/EMI has incubated Carter's talent during a three-month stay in the UK that is now bringing rewards. The sound and attitude of that February album *Did I Shave My Legs for This?* announced a singer and writer of sweet, sad and affecting songs, influenced by the music of her home, yet spangle-free. After a London media showcase, Carter landed the support slot on the recent month-long Jimmy Nail tour, a slightly ironic combination of an American trying to shake the shackles of country with a Geordie with cowboy dreams of crocodile shoes.

This one-off headline appearance at the end of that valuable and successful national spotlight showed that Carter's presence and her belief in her set of compositions have grown strong and healthy. Playing with a dependable British five-piece, she went confidently into *Angel Without a Prayer*, a perhaps autobiographical piece imbued with the disappointments of her career struggles.

More used to solo performance but warming to the role of band leader, she made frequent use of a warm Southern drawl and a smile that could crack a safe, dedicating *Rita Valentine* "to my cousin's ex-wife". The album's title track is a potential feminist anthem but for the fun it pokes at the singer as well as her ball and chain: "It's perfectly clear between the TV and beer/I won't get so much as a kiss."

Deana Carter: much more than a country performer

The rockier *Turn Those Wheels Around* is her thank-you to Willie Nelson, a long-time champion of Carter's talents. The set was enriched by some cleverly chosen covers, of the Eagles' *Already Gone* and, as an encore, the Georgia Satellites' *Keep Your Hands To Yourself*, one of the final touches in a big-hearted performance.

PAUL SEXTON

The human league

JAZZ

Mountain People
Vortex, N16

IF THE saxophonist Julian Nicholas meant to convey an impression of resilient adaptability by naming his band Mountain People, his impulse was appropriate. Whether negotiating a passage through his own tricksy themes, tripping lightly through Pat Metheny's *James*, or emphasising the heart-on-sleeve romantic earnestness of Iain Ballamy's *Strawberries*, the quartet — Nicholas on soprano and tenor, Mark Edwards, piano and synthesizer, Steve Rose, bass and Dave Wickins drums — combined agility with easily borne resourcefulness in two hour-long sets of absorbing and original music.

Nicholas is perhaps best known for a brief association with the British 1980s big band Loose Tubes and for his more recent occupation of the saxophone chair in the band led by the fellow Tubes alumnus, flautist Eddie Parker. Ex-Tubers tend to operate in the gentler, more contemplative areas of jazz, their music refreshingly open to influences from various sources.

With his delicate, wispy, intensely human sound on both horns, Nicholas definitely belongs to this category of performer, but as both he and his band demonstrated on *James*, the gig's opener, this mild exterior conceals much fire and commitment. Like Metheny, from whose critically mauled but widely popular and hugely influential early-1980s album *Offramp* the song comes, Nicholas renders his occasional outbursts of passion all the more effective by restraining and rationing them, and his cascading soprano solo over the slowly building urgency of the rhythm section was a model of controlled power.

The affectingly bleary tenor idyll *Strawberries* aside (an attempt by composer Ballamy to recreate the pleasant languor induced by strawberry picking), Mountain People relied entirely on Nicholas compositions for the rest of their two sets.

Taken in the main from their eponymous debut Rainbow Sound recording, these generally took the form of lengthy explorations of the possibilities raised by Nicholas's light, occasionally almost skittish themes, solo duties shared between his breathy soprano or warbling tenor, Edwards's lush, rippling piano and Rose's adventurous, plangent bass.

But the heart of Mountain People's sound was Wickins's drumming, which somehow contrived, in a manner reminiscent of the US master Paul Motian, to propel the band unerringly through the most understated tempos, making him the perfect Sherpa — the Tenzing Norgay to Nicholas's Edmund Hillary.

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THEATRE

Flare Path
Bristol Old Vic

Terence Rattigan's drama depicting Air Force pilots and their anxious wives, where the chaps are sent on a dangerous raid the very night they had planned to catch up on their personal lives, has an adventurous history. Rattigan's own rough draft, I mean.

Advised by his psychiatrist to join the RAF to cure writer's block, Rattigan scribbled away between missions. Then, during a long flight to Africa, an engine failed. Rattigan was about to throw his kit bag to the winds to lighten the load, when he remembered *Flare Path* was inside. Ripping out the pages of his exercise book, he stuffed them in his pocket, and put the finishing touches to the script in Freetown, surrounded by officers "going spectacularly to pieces in the White Man's Grave", armed with gin and tonic.

Flare Path, set in the Falcon Hotel, Milchester, Lincolnshire, is more subtly dramatic. Its wartime couples put on brave faces when racked with fear, from Teddy, the flight lieutenant who suffers airborne panic attacks, to Doris, whose Polish husband does not return with the rest.

Rattigan is sensitive to the unsaid: the servicemen's chipper euphemisms and military secrets; others keeping mum about private passions, first out of moral cowardice, then self-sacrificingly in the case of Teddy's actress-wife Patricia and her true love, the film star Peter Kyle who has come to find her.

The twists of Rattigan's plot cleverly press home the poignancy. Suddenly facing life without Patricia, Kyle (a fine Nicky Henson with Clark Gable moustache) is asked by Doris to translate Skriczevinsky's painfully formal yet loving "goodbye" letter.

Nicky Henson plays the film star Peter Kyle in Terence Rattigan's twisting tale of private passions on parade

Unfortunately, director Andrew Hay's company seem to have squinted over the script during a blackout. Or at least, they have not read between the lines sharply enough. There is, for instance, little sign that Squadron Leader Swanson (Jack Hedley, groping for his words rather) has twigged Patricia's imminent domestic desertion and is steering her back to base.

Barbara Wilshere's Patricia, getting tight on gin, could be far more fraught. Amanda Harris's Doris accrues intensity, briskly polite as her pain grows, but does not consistently sound like a former barmaid. Helen Sheals's Mrs Miller is lovably dour. Terry Taplin is bemusedly Polish with panache. But elsewhere both the class tensions and the comedy get flattened.

The hotel architect appears to have roofed the Falcon with the top half of a charred hangar, which creates a ghostly effect as the characters kiss farewell beyond the gauze walls. Yet the thrill of racing clouds, projected between scenes, rapidly fades.

There is one moment of heart-shaking power when the house reverberates with the roar of engines as the squadron takes off and disappears into silence. What was worrying, though, was that the preceding hour of human interaction had touched no such nerve.

KATE BASSETT

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The conductor Oliver Knussen offers his personal survey of the best in new British music

Of horse and hounded

VISUAL ART: The Tate's new exhibition makes up in gore what it may lack in political correctness, says

John Russell Taylor

Unspeakable pursue the uneatable: *Fox-hunting in Wooded Country* by Peter Tillemans, painted c. 1720-30

Not long ago, the idea of the Tate Gallery putting on a show devoted to British Sporting Art would have raised no eyebrows. Of course it would include Stubbs, unquestionably one of the greatest British artists, and no doubt also James Ward, recently the subject of major "rediscovery" operations, and such variously distinguished figures as Landseer, the Swiss émigré Agasse, and John Frederick Herring, Victorian portraitist of endless Derby winners. Artistic without being arty, what could be more unexceptionably "heritage"?

This year, things are not quite so simple. While the show, or most of it, stands in no need of aesthetic defence, it is difficult to justify it entirely in terms of political correctness. For though relatively uncontroversial sports such as horse racing do occur — as in Stubbs's superb *Otho With John Larkin Up*, set on Newmarket Heath — on this evidence the predominant British sport in art would seem to be fox-hunting.

Nor is all the evidence produced in favour of the artists' humaneness entirely convincing. We are told to observe in Sawrey Gilpin's *Death Of The Fox* (1793) that the fox is shown in a state of terror and pain which may be expected to excite pity. But we are also told that apparently Gilpin was so obsessed with the desirability of capturing the hounds closing in on the fox in truly lifelike poses that he had several killed and pinned to boards in the required positions.

From such Landseer paintings as *Deer And Deer Hounds In A Mountain Torrent* we may well get less pity for the beleaguered stag than complacent acceptance of man's inhumanity to animal.

Sporting Art is, when you think of it, a curious sort of genre anyway, defined as it is entirely in terms of subject matter. This does mean that one or two on the face of it unlikely artists find their way into the shows. John Frederick Lewis, for instance, normally associated entirely with glimpses of urban Egypt and the harem, is represented here by *Buck Shooting in Windsor Great Park* (1825), painted with several other animal subjects at Windsor before he ever set eyes on a souk.

George Morland is a little nearer to expectations of a sporting artist, in that at least he generally found his subjects in the English countryside, but *Rabbiting* (1792) is still slightly exceptional.

It must also be confessed that a lot of sporting art has to be primarily preaching to the converted. Ben Marshall, for example, is a very capable artist, but one would need to be rather more interested in horses than in art to take very much of him at a time. In this company Stubbs stands head and shoulders above the rest. Which is as it should be.

● British Sporting Art *is at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (0171-887 8008) until July 2*

CONCERT: Knussen shifts attention to Matthews and Anderson

Fresh light on the new

British Music Now
Barbican Hall

THE triptych of weekend concerts organised by the BBC and billed as "Oliver Knussen's British Music Now" focused on five composers already prominent or getting that way. Saturday's programme combined Colin Matthews with Julian Anderson, 28 this year and the youngest of the five.

Anderson's two short orchestral pieces, *Parades* — revised for this occasion — and *Pavillons en L'Air*, were played back-to-back for the first time. They share the same musical material, but otherwise are exact opposites: an agile and brightly instrumented first piece contrasts with the slower, more sonorous and often majestic second.

Knussen conducted the BBC Symphony Orchestra in a strongly committed performance, as he also did for Matthews's 30-minute Fourth Sonata, dating from 1974 and reflecting the composer's response to the minimalist music then fashionable, in the repetitive patterns of the last movement.

Earlier, a linear strength of string textures made more of an effect than the aggressive battery of percussion that had some horn players, sitting just in front, stopping their ears with their fingers.

Both these were prefaced by some platform chit-chat with the evening's two composers. Extending an already lengthy programme, it mainly resulted in an extra bout of that furniture removal that seems endemic to programmes of contemporary music.

Dividing the programme between orchestra and Nash Ensemble, however, meant that the composers could be represented by a wider range of works, as with Anderson in his evocative *Seadrift*, setting just a few lines of the Walt Whitman verse that Delius used in his work of the same title. Here voiced expressively by the soprano Rosemary Hardy, with an instrumental trio conducted by Martyn Brabbins, it gave a wholly different slant to the verse, as a version of *The Bearded Lady* for clarinet (Michael Collins) and piano (Andrew Ball) did in its sympathetic lament for a circus freak.

Matthews provided a resourceful technical study in his *Palinode* for solo cello, played with commitment and delicacy by Christopher van Kampen, and in his *Fuga* of 1988 he translated one movement of a larger vocal work into a hectically busy scherzo for eight of the Nash players.

NOEL GOODWIN

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

LOVE IS A DRUG: Oxford Stage Company's enjoyable and energetic *commedia dell'arte* piece *La Credula Morta* ("The woman who appeared dead"). Fast and furious farce directed by Antonio Fava, leading expert on *commedia* playing.
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun 6pm. Until May 4 Ⓢ

SPRING LOADED: Two members of the Richard Alston Dance Company, Andrew Robinson and Ben Wright, try their hand at choreography as part of the annual dance festival. Only chance this season to see this and TANK, the duet they created and performed last year. The company's own tour opens next month.
The Place, Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031). Tonight-Sat, 8pm

COSI FAN TUTTE: One of English National Opera's happiest offerings can be seen twice this week. The sprightly young cast is led by Rita Cullis and Charles Workman; Sara Fulgoni is the saucy Dorabella. The evening zips along in Nicolette Molnár's amusing production, conducted by Nicholas Kok.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight and Fri, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BATH: Joe Orton's farcical Freudian nightmare **What the Butler Saw** goes on tour from the National engagingly revived with John Alderton, Nicola Pagett and a rather too Muldrewish Richard Wilson. Phyllida Lloyd directs.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose Ⓢ (01225 448844). Tonight, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Next stop, **Blackpool** (01253-28372)

CHICHESTER: The Festival Theatre's new season opens with Sir Derek Jacobi briskly cutting through the red tape as **Hadrian VII**, a colourful, corrupt fantasy of a 20th-century Englishman who imagines himself to be Pope. Terry Hands directs, Mark Bailey designs.
Festival, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm; then May 8, 7.30pm, opens May 9. Previews for *Hobson's Choice* May 3-6, in rep to June 29. Ⓢ

MANCHESTER: There is more from the **Hallé Orchestra** this week, as the celebrated cellist **Ralph Kirshbaum** joins them for a whistle-stop tour. Raymond Leppard conducts a programme of Dvořák's *Carnival Overture*, Schumann's Cello Concerto and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Sheherazade*, which is altered only slightly for an Arabian Nights family concert on Saturday afternoon.
Free Trade Hall Ⓢ (0161-834 1712). Tonight, Thurs and Sun, 7.30pm. **Bradford**, St George's (01274 752000), Fri, 7pm. **Sheffield**, City Hall Ⓢ (0114 2722885). Sat 3pm and 7pm.

WINCHESTER: Jane Maud plays the charming but dollarless heroine in Cambridge Theatre Company's dramatisation of Edith Wharton's **The House of Mirth**, her satirical study of turn-of-the-century New York society. Annie Castledine directs.
Theatre Royal (01962-843434). Tonight-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 3pm, 8pm Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain ... **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) ... **Royal Academy**: Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) ... **Tate**: Willem de Kooning (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER**: Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York. When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats today and Sat, 2.30pm. Final week. Ⓢ

□ **THE COUNTING OF YEARS**: New Pete Brooks work, directed by Ruth Ben-Tovim, set in a curious hotel that could represent the history of the 20th-century, or the entrance to Hell, or both.
Young Vic Studio, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews tonight, opens tomorrow, 8pm. Until May 13

□ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**: Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale are the twins and Robert Glenister is Bosola in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind. Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1748). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

■ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE**: Opening night for Miriam Margolyes as the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss; Mark Raymond directs.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5.30pm

□ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm Ⓢ

◩ **LOVE IS A DRUG**: Oxford Stage Company's enjoyable and energetic *commedia dell'arte* piece *La Credula Morta* ("The woman who appeared dead"). Fast and furious farce directed by Antonio Fava, leading expert on *commedia* playing.
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□ **ONE FINE DAY**: Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing one-man play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **SIMPATICO**: Powerful acting from Ciaran Hinds, Sean McGinley, Janet McTeer and Tony Haygarth in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives. Not vintage Shepard but inventive and gripping.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until May 13

◩ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**: David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BEFORE SUNRISE (15): Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from Slacker director Richard Linklater.
Odeon West End (01426-915 574)

LE COLONEL CHABERT (PG): Stodgy presentation of a good Balzac yarn about a man thought dead trying to reclaim his past. With Gérard Depardieu and Fanny Ardant.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18): A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

LA FRONTERA (15): Ricardo Larrain's atmospheric first feature about a Chilean exiled to an isolated village.
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18): Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo, Morgan Freeman and Donald Sutherland as a perfectly beribboned military baddie. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15): A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel. Director, Barry Levinson.
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HOOP DREAMS (15): Marvellous documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-636 6279)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18): Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigative thriller, with Laurence Fishburne. Director, Arne Glimcher.
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◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **NOBODY'S FOOL** (15): Endearing slice of small-town Americana, with Paul Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy.
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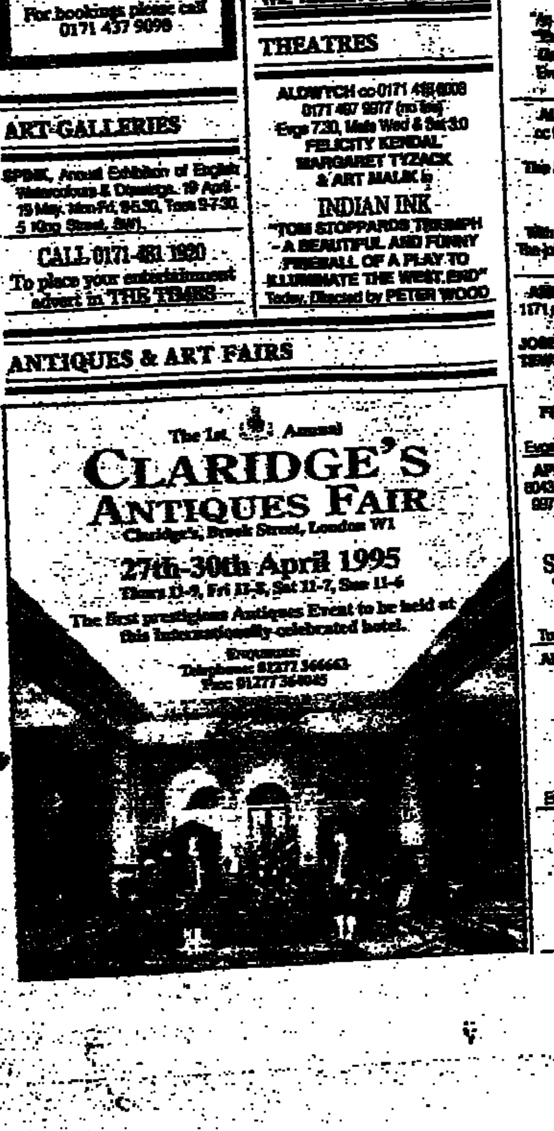

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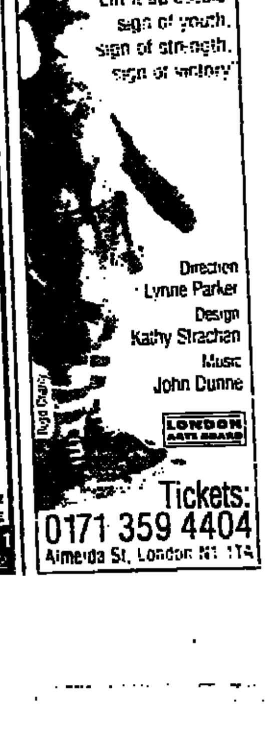

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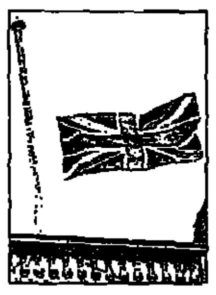

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A house for our history?

Kenneth Hudson

puts forward the case for Britain to build a new museum that tells the national story

This evening the Council of Europe is holding a ceremony in Strasbourg at which the recently opened House of History of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bonn will be given the council's annual prize. The Council of Europe prize is given to a new museum which is judged to be making an outstanding contribution to the development of understanding between different countries.

So far, only two European countries, Denmark and Germany, have a museum which tells their national story. Denmark opened its completely transformed National Museum three years ago and Germany has still only partially completed the task. Bonn is dealing with Germany since 1945 and Berlin is concerning itself with the period before that date, in a new museum which will take another four or five years to complete. No other country in Europe has a national museum which allows its citizens to discover their own roots and helps them to understand how a mixture of peoples and cultures has produced the results that exist today.

Since 1977, I have travelled widely throughout Europe visiting museums. Each year it seemed more and more extraordinary to me that no country was even thinking of filling what seemed a glaringly obvious gap in their museum provision. The nearest that anyone had so far got to it was the cleverly named Museum for [not of] German History in East Berlin. But that started its displays only in 1789, the year of the French Revolution, and since it had been created by the postwar Communist regime it was written off as mere propaganda in West Germany and rarely mentioned in polite museum circles elsewhere.

It was this museum in East Berlin that convinced me that every country ought to have a mother-museum which would tell the basic national story in all its aspects. The West Germans were understandably wary of doing this, because they had been through more than ten years of dangerous dogma. They had come to believe that a national museum of history was only possible under a dictatorship, because in a democracy there could not be an agreed philosophy of history.

But, by the 1980s, the Germans had come to see that the main purpose of a museum of history was not to communicate facts, because so-called historical facts are usually versions of facts, but to increase the awareness of history and to stimulate a free discussion about the past. Once this policy had been agreed, Germany felt able to plan and build its museums in Bonn and Berlin. This revolutionary idea, that a museum is primarily a discussion place, not an information place, is beginning to make its way in the museum world. The new national science museum, Impuls, which is under construction in Amsterdam, is based on it.

Inspired by the Danes and the Germans and blessed, I hope, by the Millennium Commission, we in Britain will be the next European country to have a national museum of history. We intend to follow the German example and call it History House.

It will inevitably deal with Ireland as well as the United Kingdom, because it makes historical nonsense not to talk about the British Isles as a whole. We have been seriously considering the idea of dividing material into four closely interrelated blocks, with the working titles of "Maintaining the British", "Inspiring the British", "Controlling the British" and "The British and Foreigners".

Block One would be concerned with feeding, clothing and housing the population and enabling it to survive and earn a living; Block Two with religion and the arts and with other ways that have made our fellow citizens feel there is more to life than procreating and filling one's stomach; Block Three with the law and its enforcement and with government; and Block Four with the way in which the inhabitants of the British Isles have reacted with people from other countries and other cultures, fought with them and killed them, dealt with them as tourists, absorbed them as immigrants, and attempted to co-operate with them politically.

Every part of this programme has a never-ending supply of subjects for discussion and ferocious argument. We do not see History House as a quiet and peaceful place and we shall have failed if it turns out that way. The choice of a suitable person to take charge will be crucial and we have no idea at the moment what his or her background and previous experience will have been. A professor of history or museum director does not seem likely at present, and an Irishman is as possible a candidate as a Londoner.

The House of History in Bonn was designed to meet a specifically German situation. It is fulfilling this task admirably. But every country has to tackle the problem in its own way. In Britain there could be no question of relying on political approval and official money to get the job done, as was necessary in Germany. Parliament would never be required to back the scheme in the way that the Bundestag has, although one might reasonably expect its general goodwill.

The idea of a national museum of history in Britain was conceived by me three years ago and then nourished and developed by a small group of like-minded historians and journalists, with an architect and a BBC man to give extra flavour to the mix. The project will be financed and carried out in the usual British atmosphere of enthusiasm, trial-and-error, setbacks, devoted obstinacy, mud-slinging and lack of understanding.

It will eventually reach a successful conclusion because the British people are tired of not knowing who and what they are and what they ought to do next. There is an instinctive, if unexpressed feeling among all classes that the time has come for us to weigh up our national achievements, to understand our strong and weak points. History House, one might say, is a course of long-overdue therapy.

● *Kenneth Hudson is director of the European Museum of the Year Award Trust*

CONCERTS: Philharmonia at 50; plus Pärt and Fauré

Virtue from a virtuoso

Philharmonia/Flor
Festival Hall

Smetana and Dvořák between them imparted an almost cosy character to what the Philharmonia Orchestra billed as its fiftieth anniversary gala concert conducted by Claus Peter Flor, although Dvořák's *Te Deum* struck a more jubilant note with a festive mood that is far from sanctimonious. Perhaps its relative brevity makes it difficult to programme satisfactorily, but its abundantly rhythmic spirit makes an exhilarating effect.

A mainstay of this performance was the confident singing of the Philharmonia Chorus trained by Simon Halsey. The Australian soprano Yvonne Kenny was bright and burnished of tone in her two expressive solos, complemented by the majestic bass of Alastair Miles in his powerful solo passage.

Flor's invigorating conducting obtained a secure balance between voices and orchestra. The woodwind contributed some nicely pointed and decorative detail, with the strings always keenly in support of the singers.

Their playing was also warmly supportive of Itzhak Perlman in his eloquent feeling for Dvořák's Violin Concerto, once they had got past some passages not quite together at the outset.

Perlman's robust passagework, tempered with delicacy, was a commanding feature of both first and last movements. Scrupulous in his attention to detail, he avoided the extra frills some other players allow themselves.

The central adagio movement was richly romantic in the soloist's tone-quality, achieving a poignant sense of yearning that was free of tearful sentiment, all adding up to a performance that put the virtue back into virtuosity.

Earlier, Smetana was at his most atavistic in the unbuttoned jollity of *From Bohemian Fields and Groves*, which got off to a lumbering start in the orchestra, whose rough-shod playing of the peasant dance passages suggested that the conductor was reluctant to control them as tightly as such pictorial music needs, and left the tone-poem sounding unduly wild and woolly in consequence.

NOEL GOODWIN

Captivated by one chord

LS/Järvi
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Despite my misgivings about minimal music, I succumbed totally to Arvo Pärt's *Tabula Rasa*. It was the climax of the London Sinfonietta's contribution to the South Bank's Emerging Light festival concert devoted mostly to Pärt's works which Paavo Järvi conducted with the ideal mix of eloquence and exactitude. The material is unpromising in both the rugged Italian Baroque figurations of the first movement, *ludus*, and in the static second movement, *silentium*, though Pärt writes for a wide pitch range that extends to the solo violins' highest haunting harmonies. Slow, quiet, isolated notes of the arpeggio are played by one solo violin while the other sustains [illegible] long, joined line that moves [illegible] steps.

It is as though syntax of phrase, melody and rhythm developed over the centuries in Western music had never existed, that all we had was the common chord. In this sense, the work really does as its title says, though in writing it, in 1977, Pärt was primarily interested in wiping the slate of his own musical language clean after experiencing serious creative crisis.

The mood of the work is infinitely contemplative but in this performance, with Rebecca Hirsch and Joan Atherton in the soloists' roles, it was also deeply moving. Hirsch in particular invested each note with an extraordinarily intense feeling of sorrow. The string orchestra accompaniment, occasionally punctured by the bell-like interjections of the prepared piano, was equally well done, with Enno Senft providing the immaculately controlled dying sounds of the work on double bass.

The encore, Pärt's *Summa*, based on the same white-notes-only principle, seemed slightly pale by comparison, as — for all Hirsch's advocacy — did the version made in 1992 for solo violin, strings and percussion of the ubiquitous *Fratres*, originally composed in 1977. The fast Bachian figurations of the solo prelude unique to this version — Gidon Kremer was its first performer — detract from its meditative essence. And, for all his undoubted integrity, I still feel that Pärt's world is a narrow one, that he enunciates the same message, using the same materials, over and over again.

So it was pleasing to have something different in this concert. Pärt's fellow Estonian Erkki-Sven Tüür, still in his mid-thirties, was represented by *Architectonics II* (1989) for clarinet, cello and piano (Michael Collins, Tim Gill and Shelagh Sutherland). It was an elegant, arch-like form based on symmetrical elements and unashamedly poetic moods — the same scene seen in different lights, as Piers Hellawell's note said. We also heard the London premiere of Tüür's *Insula Deserta*, a fascinating interplay of motion and stasis, concord and dense texture, for divided strings. Ligeti's world is not too far away.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Franck admission

Fauré Festival
Free Trade Hall, Manchester

THE last thing to be expected from the opening concert of a Fauré festival was a renewal of faith in César Franck. What achieved this reversal of current fashion was the quality of the partnership between Kathryn Stott, Yan Pascal Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic. The Symphonic Variations, a score which notoriously sets all kinds of traps for the pianist and the conductor, was played here with breathtaking fearlessness and disarmingly persuasive emotional fervour.

As for the composer who was born 150 years ago in May and whose music is at the centre of "Fauré and the French Connection", he will have ample opportunity to demonstrate his genius as the festival continues. If the opening concert in the Free Trade Hall had to begin with the glum Prelude to *Pénélope*, it should have gone on with something like the Ballade or the Berceuse rather than the very beautiful but also rather glum Elégie.

It is not at all easy to construct an orchestral programme with two soloists. This one did offer the kind of variety which sceptics claim not to find in French music. It did not take off, however, until after the interval and a few bars into the Symphonic Variations.

Yo-Yo Ma, who demonstrated his dedication to Kathryn Stott and her festival by joining the back desk of the BBC Philharmonic cellos in the second half, drew an admirably fine solo line through the Elégie and the Saint-Saëns Concerto in A minor, but not without stimulating doubts about the wisdom of the scoring, for woodwind in the former work and the quality of the material in the latter.

The undisputed masterpiece of the evening was *La Mer*. Anyone expecting a conventionally impressionist Debussy seascape from Tortelier and the BBC PO would have been disabused, though not disappointed, by this exhilarating, overcoloured and vividly outlined assertion of fauvism. Who wants poetry when you can go surfboarding?

GERALD LARNER

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"IS IT serious or isn't it?" That was what bothered the *Punch* critic who reviewed the premiere of *The Yeomen of the Guard* in 1888. Or, as Phoebe Meryll demands in an all-too-typical bit of *Yeomen* dialogue: "Ods bodikins, what does it mean?" For better or worse, it is in *Yeomen* that Sir Arthur Sullivan's musical aspirations ("You ought to write a grand opera," Queen Victoria urged, "you would do it so well") are as nearly realised as they could be within the Savoy conventions.

The resulting blend of poignancy, patriotism and patter is, according to taste, either the greatest English opera between *Dido* and *Peter Grimes* (not, perhaps, as bold a claim as it at first appears) or the most unspeakable tosh. Rodney Milnes, reviewing this Welsh National Opera production in *The Times* when it opened in Cardiff last December, was in no doubt where he stood: with its cod Tudorbethanisms, its cloying sentimentality, and its surrender to a lazy formula, *Yeomen* was not only unpalatable but, nowadays at least, probably "unstageable" too.

Tim Hopkins's production, the first staging of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera to be seen at Covent Garden (where Sir Thomas Beecham once said he would have liked to do *Yeomen*), is certainly less confident than his inventive D'Oyly Carte *Gondoliers* might have led audiences to expect.

Visually there are moments of striking clarity, with Nicky Gillibrand's colourful costumes effectively deployed agains the backdrop of Peter J. Davison's grey monumental sets. Otherwise, invention is confined to a pantomime obbligato of mugging and mummery that makes for some hilarious moments but suggests uncertain faith in the merits of music and text.

An outstanding cast showed that the most preposterous characters gain from being believed in. Donald Adams drew on his vast experience of this repertoire to prove that even a figure as sketchily drawn as Sergeant Meryll will reward the efforts of a committed actor. He and Felicity Palmer (in commanding form as a splendidly lovelorn Dame Carruthers) not only justified the inclusion of their "Rapture, rapture!" duet but turned it into the highlight of the evening.

DONALD COOPER

Outstanding form: Donald Adams and Felicity Palmer

Richard Suart brought a desperate dignity to the role of Jack Point, suggesting complexity rather than confusion in his depiction of this unhappiest of fools. Donald Maxwell was a magnificently stupid Shadbolt. Alwyn Mellor's spirited Elsie Maynard, Pamela Helen Stephen's engaging Phoebe and Neill Archer's passionate Fairfax took plausible care of the romantic interest.

Chorus and orchestra under Sir Charles Mackerras rose to the challenges of Sullivan's ambition, relishing both the scale and the detail of his scoring. In the Act II finale, in particular, this *Yeomen* achieved a grandeur and a pathos that were no less real for being utterly absurd.

IAN BRUNSKILL

Jailhouse mock

Fidelio
Châtelet, Paris

IT IS probably beyond the wit of man utterly to destroy Beethoven's opera, but the Berlin Staatsoper, on tour to *President-to-be* (or not-to-be) Chirac's opera house, had a jolly good try last week.

Stéphane Braunschweig's production, recently unveiled in the company's home house, *Unter den Linden*, is an ice-cold exercise in designer-chic: elegant, frigid, meaningless. The costumes are vaguely contemporary. The set, strongly reminiscent of Götz Friedrich's suppressed Bayreuth *Parsifal*, is the atrium of a ritzy American hotel on its side. Nothing remotely interesting happens within it.

Of actual direction of the singers there was no sign: Marzelline and Jacquino were ciphers, Pizarro a ranting melodramatic villain, and Rocco, that most enigmatic of creatures, a block of wood. The introduction to "Mir ist so wunderbar" served merely as accompaniment to black drapes rising to reveal six *prisoners in* their red designer-suits suspended frozen in mid-air, victims — as a passing wag put it — not of fascism, but fashion. Enough.

Even more depressing was the mannered conducting of Daniel Barenboim. Scarcely any bar proceeded at the same tempo as that which came before or after; every phrase had something "done" to it by way of "expression": the music was seldom allowed to speak on its own terms. One example: in the Prisoners' Chorus the word "Rettung" was dragged out of its context and its hushed musical line, and brandished *forte* at the audience — one of opera's great moments killed by self-regarding cleverness. The soundworld conjured up was that of one of Mahler's more hysterical symphonies, not that of an opera composed.

Poor singers! Catherine Malfitano, unflatteringly costumed, was plainly below her best and an announcement craving indulgence was made in the interval. With a proper conductor and some sort of production she could be as formidable a Leonore as she is a Salome — her fervour and *ewigweibliche* inner strength guarantee as much. René Pape sang beautifully as Rocco, and Johan Botha sang Florestan's aria with astonishing ease. The rest is silence.

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The benefits are great. Students learn time management and how to work in a team, says Jocelyn Baskey of St James's Consultancy, which arranges work experience for St James's students. They learn about electronic mail and operate new equipment that colleges do not possess, as well as honing their secretarial skills.

All students at the Oxford and County Business College are offered work experience. The college makes local arrangements, but if students want to go to London, the college gets support from the Angela Mortimer consultancy.

Joy Thompson, the college director, says: "We advise the students about what to expect. We also talk to the company concerned to make sure it lines up something professionally. It works better if the company has created a situation in which the student can do something useful. If not, the student is an irritant to be coped with rather than someone who can fulfil objectives."

Angela Mortimer expects to place about 1,000 students this year. Amanda Fone, a director of the consultancy, explains that both students and firms are thoroughly prepared. Each student has an individual interview with a consultant in London or Birmingham. They will already have completed a short questionnaire, asking about the industry sector in which they want to work, what skills and personal qualities they can offer an employer, what they hope to gain from the experience and what are their long-term career plans.

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Another consultancy with long-term experience of placing college students is Elizabeth Hunt. Like Angela Mortimer, it advises employers and students on what to expect. Asked what advantage the employer expects from the exercise, Anne-Marie McTavish, college-leaver co-ordinator, says: "By the time the students are ready for this, they are good secretaries. So for a couple of weeks the employer has the use, at little cost, of someone extremely willing."

She says that some of the things the students have to do can be quite staggering. "Someone may enlist as a team secretary to help out a group of fairly junior managers, then a director's secretary falls ill and suddenly she finds herself working for two weeks at board level. Quite a few employers, we find, have been using this scheme almost as a working interview. When they come to recruit, they know how good are those students who are available on the market."

Queen's Business & Secretarial College regularly uses Angela Mortimer to place its students. However, Lucy Kerr, a geography graduate doing a two-term executive secretary diploma, found her own work placement at the Royal Geographical Society — in the exhibitions advisory centre, where she assisted the information officer.

MICHAEL POWELL

Lucy Kerr, a geography graduate doing a secretarial course, found her own work placement at the Royal Geographical Society

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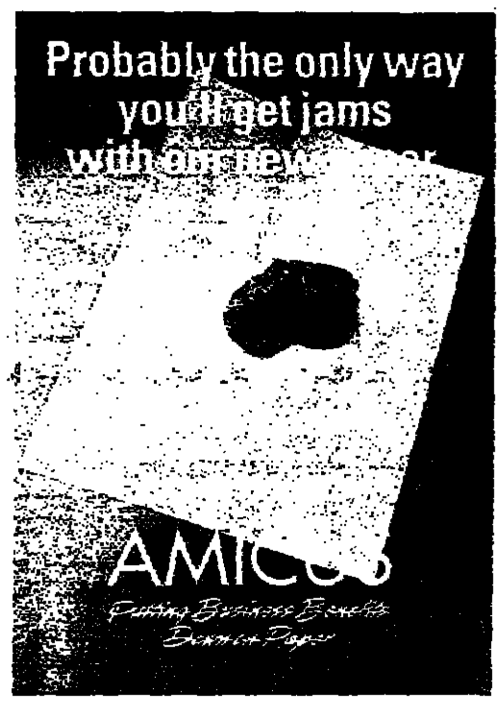

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5% United Kingdom Tax	- £0.07083920	per share
Net Payment	- £1.13342725	per share

NON RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Where 25% Netherlands Tax is applicable, the following deductions apply:-

25% Netherlands Tax	- £0.35419602	per share
20% UK Tax on Net Dividend (when applicable)	- £0.21251761	per share
Net Payment	£0.85007043	per share

Dividend entitlement on the sub-shares will be paid at one tenth of the above amounts, less M.N. Commission of £0.00177098 per Sub-Share.

Where 15% Netherlands Tax is applicable the calculations are as for United Kingdom Residents, but relief from United Kingdom Tax is immediately obtained provided that the appropriate Inland Revenue Affidavit is lodged with the claim.

ROLINCO N.V.

(investment company with a variable capital)

Further to the announcement published in The Times and the Financial Times on 21 April 1995 concerning the Cash Dividend payable 28 April 1995, the rate of exchange for the payment of this dividend on both Rolinco NV Ordinary Shares of Fls 10 (at Fls 1.88) and Sub-Shares registered in the name of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited (at Fls 0.188) is Fls 2.4845 = £1.00.

UNITED KINGDOM RESIDENTS

The gross dividend is £0.75669149 per Ordinary Share of Fls 10 (Coupon No. 35) and is subject to the following deductions:-

15% Netherlands Tax	- £0.11350372	per share
5% United Kingdom Tax	- £0.03783457	per share
Net Payment	- £0.60535320	per share

NON RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Where 25% Netherlands Tax is applicable, the following deductions apply:-

25% Netherlands Tax	- £0.18917287	per share
20% UK Tax on Net Dividend (when applicable)	- £0.11350372	per share
Net Payment	£0.45401490	per share

Dividend entitlement on the sub-shares will be paid at one tenth of the above amounts, less M.N. Commission of £0.00094586 per Sub-Share.

Where 15% Netherlands Tax is applicable the calculations are as for United Kingdom Residents, but relief from United Kingdom Tax is immediately obtained provided that the appropriate Inland Revenue Affidavit is lodged with the claim.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or *interest to the person or persons* mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

PURCELL HILDA MURIEL KATE 5 DAGMAR ROAD DORCHESTER DORSET DIED 20th November 1993 PARTICULARS TO MESSRS. DEWES SKETCHLEY SOLICITORS 10 COLEHILL TAMWORTH *STAFFORDSHIRE B79 THE* BEFORE 28th JULY 1995

LEGAL NOTICES

Anglo Pacific Travel Limited
Company Number 1827683
In the matter of THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the *Insolvency Act 1986* that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3ST on 4 May 1995 at 10.30am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - 2 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3ST, not later than 12 noon *on 3 May 1995*.

For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3ST, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.

Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free *of charge*, at 2 Bloomsbury Street, London, WC1B 3ST, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.

Dated 12 April 1995
By Order of the Board
Roger Robinson
Director

D & S G SERVICES LIMITED
t/a TOWNSEND GAMMELL

Take notice that the undersigned, Alan David Kennington *& John Charles Heath of Haines* Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU, were, by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on the 12th day of April 1995 appointed Joint Liquidators of D & S G Services Limited, t/a Townsend Gammell.

John Charles Heath
Joint Liquidator
Alan David Kennington
Joint Liquidator
Dated this 18th day of April 1995.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWEEK REALISATIONS LIMITED
(Formerly Central Livestock Auction Satellite Sales Limited - T/A CLASS Limited)

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above company are required, on or before 24 May 1995, to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to me, Stephen James Hobson of Francis Clark, 23 Devon Square, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 2HU, the Liquidator of the above company and, if so required by notice in writing from me, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 19 April 1995
S J HOBSON
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF HIGHWEEK REALISATIONS LIMITED
(Formerly Central Livestock Auction Satellite Limited - T/A CLASS Limited)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with *Rule* 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that *Stephen James Hobson of Francis* Clark, 23 Devon Square, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 2HU was appointed Liquidator of the above company by the Creditors on 12 April 1995

Dated this 19 April 1995
S J HOBSON
LIQUIDATOR

NZFP RESOURCES UK LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 1981877
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF NZFP RESOURCES UK LIMITED

On 13 April 1995 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.

The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at No.1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL by 30 May 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator *also gives notice that he will then* make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its *known creditors in full*
Date 24 April 1995
AV Lomas
Liquidator

In the High Court of Justice
Chancery Division
Companies Court
No: 001368/95
IN THE MATTER OF STENCIL *DESIGNS LIMITED*
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 3rd March 1995 presented to Her Majesty's *High Court of Justice for the confirmation* of the cancellation of the share premium account of £554,402 of the above-named Company

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Petition is directed *to be heard before Mr Registrar* Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 10th day of May 1995

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose *the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said* cancellation of share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be *furnished to any such person* requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 26th day of April 1995.
Richard Pooley of
Alto House, 29/30 Newbury Street, London EC1
Solicitor for the above-named Company

To Paul Devlin Merry late of Highlands Cottage, Main Street, Ash, Somerset, TA12 6NT

TAKE NOTICE that an action *has been commenced against you* in the High court of Justice, Chancery Division CH-W-1995-No 002404 by Nigel John Halls and *Patrick Michael Boyden as liquidators* of Wyvern Asset Management Limited for declarations pursuant to Sections 213 and 214 Insolvency Act 1986 and for misfeasance and for breach of trust that the Respondent is liable to make such contribution (if any) to the assets of Wyvern Asset Management Limited as the Court thinks proper.

AND THAT it has been ordered by the High Court of Justice that service of the Originating Application in the said action on you be *effected by this advertisement*.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an ex-parte Order was made in these proceedings on 21st April 1995 a copy of which can be obtained from the Applicants' solicitors, Booth & Co of Sovereign House, South Parade, Leeds LS1 1HQ, Reference APP and that the inter partes hearing of the Application pursuant to *which the said Order was made* will take place at the Royal Courts of Justice, the Strand, London on 15th May 1995 at 10.30 am.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing of the Originating *Application will be heard at the* Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London on 19th May 1995 at 11.45 am

Booth & Co
Sovereign House
South Parade
Leeds
LS1 1HQ
Applicants' Solicitors

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Zoom Graphics Company Limited IN LIQUIDATION TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, *Herts* AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Zoom Graphics Company Limited by a creditors' meeting held on 21st April 1995 DATED this 21st day of April 1995 Michael William Young Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

RUKBA

The Annual General Meeting of THE ROYAL UNITED KINGDOM BENEFICENT ASSOCIATION will be held at The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths at 3 P.M. on Monday 22 May 1995 to receive the Report of the Committee and the Accounts for 1994 and to elect Members of the Committee and the Auditors.

The new terrestrial channel should appeal to the untapped majority — those viewers who have not yet signed up for extra choice

Come in, channel number five

Because it's there. That is the only answer to "Why do we need a Channel 5?" Channel 5, for which applications are due at the Independent Television Commission on Tuesday, is the last terrestrial channel available on existing equipment. This overwhelming advantage is easily overlooked amid the well-publicised drawbacks. For example:

● That *only* 70 per cent of the British viewing homes will be able to receive it. But that's 70 per cent of 22 million, making 15 million, a mass audience by any measure.

● That millions of video recorders and satellite dishes will need retuning in areas where these use frequencies to be occupied by Channel 5. But the expense and bother of retuning has not seemed to deter applicants for the channel.

● That conventional (or analogue) television is becoming obsolete, with 500-channel digital television just around the corner. But to get digital television you will need new equipment. Channel 5 will be there free from the box in the corner.

● That anybody who wants extra choice in channels can buy it now, as proven by the surging popularity of cable and satellite. But the number of cable and satellite homes is still small — 4.2 million — and the audience that an advertiser can reach on any single channel is smaller still. Young & Rubicam reports that Sky One, the most popular satellite channel, took only 4.8 per cent of viewing in all satellite homes in January.

The plain truth is that Channel 5 will reach the untapped majority: those who from indolence, indifference or thrift, have not bothered to sign up for extra choice. And, among these viewers, who can put hand on heart and swear that four channels are always enough? Any day's television timetables quickly reveal a lacuna when there is Nothing On.

Access to a mass nearly-national audience, therefore, is the main reason why a number of consortia, including an unconfirmed alliance of Granada and BSkyB (an associate company of News International, the owner of *The Times*) will accept the ITC's "invitation to apply" by Tuesday.

So what do terrestrial viewers want more of? Films and documentaries, according to the researchers, CIA Sensor. But because Channel 5 falls within the ITC's regulatory remit and will compete with four heavily regulated channels, it will not be allowed to get away with anything as surefire as a free movie channel. Two-thirds of its programmes (within a few years, and excluding the small hours of the morning) will have to be original. They must also include specified amounts of news, current affairs, children's programmes and religion.

BRENDA MADDOX

What they will not be obliged to include is the ingredient most conspicuously absent in the British television mix: local television. Once upon a time it seemed like a good idea that a fifth terrestrial channel be developed as a network of city-based television stations providing intensive local cover plus an opportunity for local advertising for people such as car dealers, estate agents and supermarkets whose services are too focused on a single area to warrant advertising on regional television.

But that hope faded with experience. Local television is no crowd-puller. And the primary duty of any Channel 5's licence winner will be to get its money back.

Blame the Broadcasting Act of 1990 once again. Once again a major national television licence is to go to the highest bidder, once all the commitments to worthiness are met. In other words, applicants for Channel 5 — like those for ITV a few years ago — are being asked to do well by doing good. Some potential investors have already walked away in horror, muttering that the costs will be more than double the £200 million being talked about. The most desirable audience — the well-heeled, young affluent — will not be won by game shows and unheard-of movies.

Blame the Broadcasting Act, too, for the rules governing cross-media ownership. These set different thresholds for those with a stake in satellite channels (such as Rupert Murdoch of News International, with its 40 per cent share of BSkyB) and those (such as Michael Green of Carlton-Central) whose heavy investment is in ITV's terrestrial channels. The ITC itself has been much criticised for preparing to hand out a new channel under the old rules on cross-media ownership when new rules are on their way.

Over to Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary. He knows what changes his department has in store: major or minor. If he wants to shout "Stop!" or "Slow down!" to the ITC, he has only to do so. Otherwise, the ITC has no choice but to continue on the tram tracks laid down.

If the prize in the end does go to BSkyB, however, the losers might console themselves that Britain's biggest satellite purveyor will be drawn into investing against itself. Viewers won for Channel 5 are viewers lost to cable-satellite.

For my part, I'll be waiting to read how the winner proposes to handle that awkward retuning assignment. When at LWT, Greg Dyke, now at Pearson, used to do a nice impersonation of the bloke knocking at the pensioner's door: "I'm from Channel Foive. Got to retune your video. I'll just need to take it down to the van for a minute."

DES JENSON

Reuters, renowned for its conservatism, is said to need David Kogan's powers of persuasion and his ability to move fast on his feet

Mr Reuters — the latest

Alexandra Frean reports on the impressive rise of the fast-moving new managing director of Reuters Television

What would Baron Julius de Reuter, entrepreneur, risk-taker, pioneer of the telegraphic communication and founder, in 1851, of the Reuters news agency, make of David Kogan, *enfant terrible* of the international television news industry who was promoted to managing director of Reuters Television last month?

He might well be the kind of man of whom the Baron would have approved. Forthright, bright, fast-talking, hyperactive, dedicated and showing no signs of self-doubt, Kogan has forged an unconventional career path, which has landed him one of the leading jobs in international television at the age of 37.

Colleagues who worked with him at Visnews in the 1980s, the London-based international television news agency which Kogan joined as managing editor in 1988 and which was bought by Reuters in 1992, are not surprised by its rapid rise. They say he is intelligent and courageous, although occasionally prone to unnecessary outbursts.

Kogan, who is also Reuters's director of media services in Britain and Ireland, can hardly believe he is now, officially, "a suit". He says: "I have to keep repeating 100 times a day, 'I must behave like a managing director'."

His appointment last month came swiftly after Reuters had signed two news supply deals, with Fox Broadcasting, the American broadcaster controlled by The News Corporation, and with Sky News, the 24-hour satellite news channel part-owned by News Corp's European arm, the owner of *The Times*.

The deals cemented Reuters's position as a leading television news agency, and gave it a springboard for further expansion. The company is now well positioned to bid for a news supply deal with News Corp's Star TV station in Asia. It now also has a platform from which to become a major player in the UK, for example, by winning the contract to provide news to Channel 5, the proposed terrestrial channel now being advertised. That could open up the possibility of Reuters Television contending for the contract to supply news to ITV, currently held by ITN, in which Holdings Reuters plc has an 18 per cent stake. (At present, though, there is a blocking agreement in Reuters Holding equity agreement with ITN designed to prevent this from happening).

Kogan's immediate tasks are to build up the Fox and Sky News services and to continue servicing Reuters Television's rapidly growing range of clients. As well as providing footage for ITN, the BBC, GMTV and Sky and for hundreds of broadcasters worldwide, it makes bespoke TV programmes. These include the daily *Reuters News Hour* on GMTV, two daily, live half-hour business programmes for Videotron, a cable company, business bulletins for Sky, a weekly Russian-language current-affairs programme and a business programme for Hungarian television. It also produces an entertainment news show, drawing on its Los Angeles bureau's Hollywood contacts but produced in London.

> ‘Aim to hit the moving targets fast and hard’

Kogan sees the company's expansion as a stepped process in which each core product can be used for building a new service. "With RFTV," he says, "we took the television infrastructure and the Reuters terminals used by forex dealers and combined them. From that, we developed our business programming in the UK for Videotron."

Reuters Television also has plenty of opportunities, Kogan says, to cross-fertilise with other Reuters product links with London Radio, the 24-hour local news station, which it took over last year.

Observers believe that Reuters, which is renowned for its conservatism, desperately needs Kogan's powers of persuasion and his ability to move fast on his feet. Some tentatively suggest that his experience at the Beeb combined with his knowledge of raw commercialism, gleaned from Visnews and Reuters, mark him out as a possible future BBC Director-General.

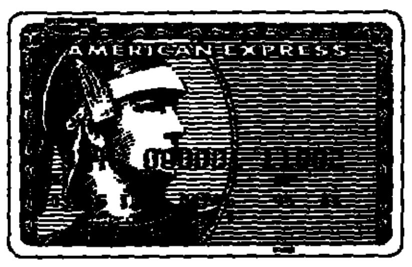
Kogan is uncharacteristically coy about future developments. "We keep an eye on the moving target of the markets of six to 18 months from now," he says. "But what I won't do is say: 'We think such and such will be very big next year'. I want to keep enough options open so that we can hit moving targets very fast and very hard when the time is right. The Sky and Fox relationships did not come about after years of planning. We had to move quickly."

Kogan dismisses suggestions that as the company's client base expands, conflicts of interest are bound to arise among customers. Yet he recognises that the marketplace is changing rapidly. Because more and more broadcasters, such as the BBC, now want to export their branded products around the world, they are increasingly starting to resemble agencies, he says, and the agencies are having to become more like broadcasters.

His immediate aim is to use the enormous Reuters infrastructure (128 bureaux, of which 70 are "television-capable") to take on the broadcasters on their own territory by producing more tailor-made reporter-led services for clients. "There will," he says, "be Reuters faces and voices appearing on more and more outlets around the world."

A famous charge card is broadening its appeal

Amex begins battle for the big wallets



Amex: fighting for a new market

ON THE surface, Amex's launch of a new credit card last week was just another of many recent initiatives in an already overcrowded market. But behind the scenes, it marks a return from the brink for one of the world's most famous financial-services brands — and the opening shot in a battle for the wallets of the nation's affluent. If you are well-heeled and in a restaurant or shop peering at an array of plastic pieces in your cardholder, Amex wants to be the card that you choose.

Five years ago, there was less chance of that happening. Amex was unravelling. Global credit-card operators such as Visa and Mastercard were offering almost the same convenience at a lower price, and retailers were driving down merchant fees (the cut they give a card operator every time a consumer uses a card to buy something in their shops). Many outlets stopped accepting Amex altogether.

In addition, a brand that had long marketed itself rather snobbishly on the basis of its exclusivity found its image out of tune with the recessionary times. Legendary advertising slogans such as "Don't leave home without it" and "That'll do nicely" had become the butt of comedians' jokes.

Russ Shaw, Amex's head of brand management, says: "Class and privilege no longer command such a premium. Instead of buying status, people want to feel they've made a smart choice."

NOW a restructured Amex is returning to the fray. Costs have been slashed. So have merchant fee charges. The advertising strategy has been changed to focus on people such as Anita Roddick, Rocco Forte and Terence Conran, who have reputations as smart innovators offering value-for-money services.

And Amex, instead of presenting its card as the one that jetsetters use mainly for their spending on travel and entertainment, is going head-on against the UK's big two, Barclaycard and Access. John Crewe, the president of Amex's European consumer services division, says: "We have a mission to capture 100 per cent of the plastic spending of these households." To do that, he needs to offer a credit card as well as the charge card that his well-off clientele traditionally uses.

The big two have a lot of advantages. Many more retail outlets accept Visa and Mastercard than Amex, and a large consumer base brings huge economies of scale: Barclaycard, with eight million cardholders, is eight times bigger than Amex. But Amex has its strengths. Because those in its customer base are so affluent, it suffers fewer losses from fraud and bad debt, and on average, the tag on each transaction is usually higher. And Amex signs up its own consumers and merchants (while global networks such as Visa and Mastercard employ Barclaycard and other local agents), so it has a vital advantage: a global database of what its customers spend, and when and where.

Mr Crewe is exploiting these advantages for all they are worth. Using sophisticated computer modelling techniques, Amex analyses the spending and lifestyle habits of each of its one million cardholders. Whenever it bills them, it includes offers designed especially for them — "Next time you dine at so and so, the wine's on us" sort of thing.

Next step, says Mr Crewe, is "closed loop marketing", whereby Amex becomes the crucial information link between retailers and consumers. Retailers can use the Amex database to find out who their most prized customers are. They can use that information to make offers to keep them coming back.

Soon, says Mr Crewe, Amex will be launching a "whole stream of new products" aimed at luring Britain's jetsetting elite into its fold. Meanwhile, the retailer customer base is being expanded. Sainsbury, for example, is currently testing Amex for use at its checkouts.

Already, Amex's "re-engineered" marketing means that new card uptake is up 30 per cent on last year, claims Mr Crewe. Responses to the credit card launch will accelerate Amex's growth. If it is successful, rival operators will soon find Amex creaming off the most profitable slice of their business. And then the battle for the loyalty of Britain's better-off consumers will become hot indeed.

ALAN MITCHELL

MILLENNIUM LECTURE SERIES

THE TIMES ⊙ DEMOS

How are we to live? Ethics in an age of self-interest — by Peter Singer

PETER SINGER, best known for his book *Animal Liberation: A New Ethics for Our Treatment of Animals*, is one of the world's leading ethical philosophers. In his third Times/Demos Millennium lecture, he will speak about his latest book — *How Are We To Live? — Ethics in an age of self-interest* — explaining what he means by ethics and the impact that ethical choices have upon our own quality of life. Singer argues that people who take an ethical approach to life can find a deeper satisfaction in what they are doing than those people whose goals are narrower and more self-centred. In his forthcoming lecture, he will show that living a more ethical life can bring about far-reaching changes to one's life.

The lecture will be held on Tuesday, May 2 1995 at 7.30pm at Church House Conference Centre, Great Smith Street, Westminster SW1.

Tickets, priced £10 (£7.50 concessions), are available by completing the coupon below and returning it to Joanne Oliver, Town House Publicity, 45 Islington Park Street, London N1 1QB.

Please send me .... ticket(s) at £10 each (£7.50 concessions) for the Times/Demos Millennium lecture, to be held at Church House Conference Centre, Great Smith Street, Westminster SW1 on Tuesday, May 2 1995, 7.30pm.

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The news topped the latest TV ratings chart, while sales of national newpapers are buoyed up by the price war

ITN leads the field

THE BBC may be regretting its decision to screen the *Panorama* interview with John Major on April 3, just before the Scottish local elections. This led to a ban in Scotland, and the programme attracted 4.2 million viewers — 250,000 below the recent average, *Alexandra Frean writes.*

ITN's 20.50 news on Saturday April 8 tops our chart, attracting 9.6 million viewers. Many no doubt switched on to watch the feature-film-length episode of *Cracker*, afterwards. The series won three awards at the Bafta ceremony last Sunday.

The pulling power of David Attenborough's *Wildlife on One* series brought his rural fox documentary, on April 6, 9.5 million viewers.

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April 3 to 9, 1995

	Programme	Date	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	Aud (m) All 4+
1	News	Sat 8	20.50	ITV	ITN	News	9.6
2	Wildlife On One	Thu 6	20.01	BBC1	BBC Natural History Unit	Doc	9.5
3	999	Fri 7	21.33	BBC1	BBC Features (Bristol)	Documentary	8.5
4	News At Ten	Tue 4	22.01	ITV	ITN	News	7.7
5	Nine O'Clock News	Thu 6	21.00	BBC1	BBC News & Current Affairs	News	7.7
6	News and Weather	Sun 9	20.50	BBC1	BBC News & Current Affairs	News	7.4
7	News/Sport/Weather	Sat 8	20.56	BBC1	BBC News & Current Affairs	News	7.3
8	Six O'Clock News	Tue 4	18.00	BBC1	BBC News & Current Affairs	News	6.3
9	Points Of View	Wed 5	20.49	BBC1	BBC	Consumer Affairs	5.6
10	World In Action	Mon 3	20.31	ITV	Real Life Productions	Current Affairs	5.5
11	Watchdog	Mon 3	19.30	BBC1	BBC	Consumer Affairs	5.2
12	Early Evening News	Wed 5	17.40	ITV	ITN	News	5.2
13	3-D	Thu 6	19.22	ITV	Yorkshire Television	Documentary	4.3
14	Panorama: John Major	Mon 3	21.34	BBC1	BBC News	Current Affairs	4.2
15	Network First	Tue 4	22.42	ITV	Yorkshire Television	Documentary	4.0
16	Q.E.D: Sleeping It Off	Tue 4	21.32	BBC1	BBC	Documentary	3.9
17	Tomorrow's World	Fri 7	19.29	BBC1	BBC	Documentary	3.5
18	Undercover Britain	Mon 3	21.33	CHA4	Hardcash Productions	Social Action	3.5
19	One O'Clock News	Mon 3	13.00	BBC1	BBC News & Current Affairs	News	3.3
20	Wildlife: Kalahari Big Foot	Sun 9	19.25	BBC2	BBC	Documentary	3.3

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Price cuts hold sales

AFTER the first three months of 1995, sales of national newspapers are still settled into the pattern set since the Fleet Street price war started nearly two years ago, *Brian MacArthur writes.*

Overall sales in March were up for the second year in succession and at their highest since 1991 — but only the success of the papers that have reduced their prices is keeping sales buoyant.

Six of the eight papers that improved sales on a year ago — *The Times, The Sun, Sunday Telegraph, The Daily Telegraph, The People, The Sunday Times, The Independent* and the *FT* — have cut their price in some way.

The battle between the Mail and Express groups is still being won by the *Daily Mail* and *Mail on Sunday*. Over the past five years, the *Daily Mail* has increased sales by 107,000 against a drop of 257,000 for the *Daily Express*. On Sundays, the Mail is up by 54,000, compared with a drop of 268,000 for the *Sunday Express*, a pattern which is continuing.

At the Mirror Group, after the initial shock of the price war launched in summer 1993, sales of the *Daily Mirror* (about 2.5 million) and *The Independent* (290,000) appear to be stabilising.

The Guardian, which refused to join the price war and sells at 45p, lost only 2,000 copies on a year ago but *The Observer* has lost more sales than *The Independent on Sunday* over the past year.

National dailies are still selling nearly 14.5 million copies a day, with an extra 1.3 million copies sold on Sundays. The broadsheets are holding sales better than the tabloids, with daily sales up nearly 10 per cent on a year ago and Sunday broadsheets up by nearly 3 per cent.

WINNERS AND LOSERS

National dailies

	Avg daily sale	Compared with March 1994	%+/-	Market share
Quality				
Daily Telegraph	1,061,230	80,559	6.05%	7.76%
The Times	631,638	160,898	34.18%	4.62%
The Guardian	400,921	-2,140	-0.53%	2.93%
Financial Times	305,828	1,632	0.50%	2.24%
The Independent	290,380	13,523	4.88%	2.12%
Middle				
Daily Mail	1,794,964	-55,229	-2.99%	13.12%
Daily Express	1,292,944	-98,838	-7.10%	9.45%
Today	549,459	-27,149	-4.71%	4.02%
Popular				
The Sun	4,134,571	115,427	2.87%	30.22%
Daily Mirror	2,476,746	-23,897	-0.95%	18.10%
The Star	741,550	-14,720	-1.95%	5.42%

Offiah turns down more money to stay with Wigan

By Christopher Irvine

IN THE squalid dogfight over the meat of the Great Britain rugby league team, Martin Offiah was one of nine players triumphantly snatched from Australian jaws yesterday, although several prime cuts in the English game could well yet be lost.

Although thwarted in the attempt to sign Offiah, 28, who has agreed a four-year loyalty deal with Wigan for a smaller carrot than the one worth £1 million for him to defect, the Australian Rugby League (ARL) has apparently encountered less resistance in approaches to three other Wigan players, Gary Connolly, Jason Robinson and Martin Hall.

Retaining Offiah was of the utmost importance to the Rugby Football League (RFL), but a power struggle is continuing for Ellery Hanley, 34, the Great Britain coach and Leeds captain, who is being linked to a two-year player-assistant coaching role at Newcastle Knights, and who would represent an enormous propaganda coup for the ARL in its revenge raids after Britain's conversion to the Super League.

Maurice Lindsay, chief executive of the RFL, said: "We are aware that the Australians are trying to sign all the GB team. We may lose the odd player, but we are satisfied that we have got the backbone of the squad. We are not sure whether the Australians want Ellery as a player or a coach. We don't want him to leave, but only time will tell."

As the ARL and Super League representatives chase from club to club with offers and counter-offers to players — Jonathan Davies, of Warrington, and Alan Tait, of Leeds, are among the latest approached by the ARL — a communiqué from the international board meeting last night, underlining countries' commitment to the World Cup this autumn, was a puff of white smoke amid all the mortar fire.

As the most lethal finisher in the world, Offiah, with 49 tries this season, was top of the ARL shopping list. "I was actually offered more money to go to Australia, but my decision was based on a desire to play for my country," he said. "At the same time, I'm definitely keen to play in the Super League which, I'm convinced, will take the game on to a higher level."

In the ARL's counter-offensive against the Super League — which is backed by The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times* — gaining worldwide control of the game, Offiah was a significant pawn. The wing, who joined Wigan from Widnes for a world record £440,000 in 1992 and has made 33 international appearances, is now expected to see out his career at Central Park.

The St Helens international quartet of Bobby Goulding, Alan Hunte, Sonny Nickle and Chris Joynt have all also pledged their allegiance to Britain, as have the Wigan forward pair of Andrew Farrell and Martin Dermott. The extent of the ARL's poaching was confirmed, however, by further loyalty deals arranged with Nigel Wright and Steve Prescott, both under-21 internationals who had also been approached.

More than ever, compromise is needed, a fact acknowledged in Australia by 16 of the 20 Winfield Cup clubs who want to see peace talks set up between the ARL and Super League. Four days before the Challenge Cup Final at Wembley, between Wigan and Leeds, the fallout from the European Super League planned for next March is a damaging distraction to two teams at the centre of the bidding war.

Graeme West, the Wigan coach, whose one concern for Saturday is Robinson's foot injury — which has been given another 24 hours to recover — acknowledged the likelihood of defections. "The players know and I know that their futures are at stake, but they know, too, that Wembley is the biggest game of the year," he said.

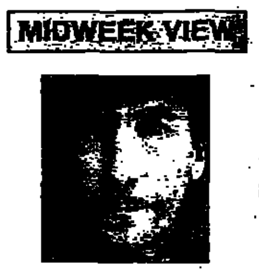
Kris Radlinski, who has been an able deputy on the wing when Robinson and Martin Offiah have been injured this season, is on standby if Robinson does not recover in time. Paul Atcheson, a full back, and the teenage forward Andrew Farrell are the substitutes.

WIGAN: H Paul; J Robinson or K Radlinski, V Tuigamala, G Connolly, M Offiah; F Botica, S Edwards (captain), K Skerrett, M Hall, N Cowie, D Betts, M Cassidy, P Clarke. Substitutes: P Atcheson, A Farrell

Frank Bruno is likely to have a change of opponent for his warm-up bout for his world title challenge in July (Srikumar Sen writes). Bruno, seen here preparing yesterday with George Francis, his trainer, had signed to face Ray Anis, of Jamaica, in Glasgow on May 13. He has now agreed to meet Mike Evans, of the United States, if the "contractual problems" Anis was facing could not be solved. It would be a pity if Evans comes in. He is 36 and is little more than a marking-time opponent for world contenders, whereas Anis (18-1) is 27 and is a prospect. There are those who believe that he could be a good, even dangerous, test for Bruno. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Never forget what might have been

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

What if? What a pertinent question, one not to be thought away. As the baseball seasons begins in the United States after eight months of strife, American minds turn once again from industrial relations to sport, and as they do so, they wonder: what if?

What if there had been no strike? Matt Williams had spent the 1994 season closing in on the most glamorous record in his sport — 61 home runs in a season. He had walloped 43 of them by the August stoppage; computer projections say that he would have made it. Other computed conclusions point to a season of unparalleled richness, a season that never was: but what if?

Sport is the great province of the what-if question. Brian Lara was bowled by a no-ball on ten, dropped at the wicket by Chris Scott on 18. What if the umpire had nodded, or the keeper had not? Neither obliged, and Lara went on to make 501. On such frail foundations are sport's mightiest buildings constructed.

Or take Ian Botham, in the Old Trafford century of 1981, the one that John Woodcock, my colleague, suggested as the greatest Test innings in history. Getting into his stride, Botham got a whopping inside edge. I can see it now — missing off stump and crossing in front of Rodney Marsh, the wicketkeeper, for four. Had Botham made slightly *better* contact, he would have demolished his stumps; but he did not, and the Botham Legend, and with it the Brearley Legend, was confirmed. English cricket has existed in the shadow of these legends ever since.

Let us move to the biggest what-if in English football. Back to the World Cup final of 1966, and what if the linesman, he who spoke only Russian and Turkish, had said: "I'm frightfully sorry, but there is no way all of that ball could have crossed the line." No goal: score remains 2-2.

English football has believed for 30 years that its national team should be the best in the world. Every manager since 1966, Sir Alf Ramsey included, has suffered as a result. What effect would a German victory in 1966 have had on the development of the English game? Would England, as Germany did, have built from disappointment one of the consistently great sides of modern times?

Or what if Gordon Banks had not drunk the bottle of beer in Leon in 1970, the one that gave him galloping gutache and caused him to miss the game in which England were knocked out of the World Cup by Germany? Or if Ronald Koeman had been sent off, as he should have been, for Holland against England in the World Cup qualifier of 1993? Would England have won, would Taylor have stayed in charge? What would England then have done at the 1994 World Cup?

These are trivial matters, outside the context of their sports, but we could turn to Muhammad Ali. What if his sporting career had not coincided with the Vietnam war? That is a bigger question.

For 29 months, he was forbidden to box, because of his refusal to be drafted. For a start, he was robbed of the chance to fight while at his pysical peak. Who knows what he might have achieved, in mere sporting terms, had he fought in those troubled months? There are wider questions: would Ali, as a mere boxer, have continued his career as mere showman and braggart, a Chris Eubank precursor?

Or what if Ali had toed the American line, accepted the draft? Would Tommie Smith and John Carlos have made their protests at the Olympic Games of 1968? Would as many people have refused the draft? Would the history of the Vietnam War, and the history of Black America, have been changed forever?

Or, what if, just one year ago, Ayrton Senna had marched up to Frank Williams, and said: "I'm not happy. The car is a dog. I am not driving it"?

That is the most chilling thought of all. Sport is a tenuous business, one that turns daily on chance and circumstance. The what-if question is inescapable daily. Yet things happen — in sport, in life. Time has branded them and fettered, they are lodged in the room of the infinite possibilities they have ousted. They are not to be thought away.

Wimbledon ready to build on its successes

THE Wimbledon tennis championships will be staged this year next to a building site (Stuart Jones writes). Almost all of the extensive renovations being carried out at the All England club are to be disguised between June 26 and July 9, though. Basement foundations of the Aorangi Park area, eventually to house the new No 1 Court, will be used for hospitality chalets and kitchens. Groundwork on two other courts will provide space for a food village.

"It will be business as usual," John Curry, the chairman said. And, as usual, the champions will receive a greater reward. The men's winner will collect £365,000 — up £20,000 — and the women's figure has risen from £310,000 to £328,000.

Bevan in charge

Rugby union: Derek Bevan, the Welsh referee who took charge of the final of the 1991 Rugby World Cup, will handle the opening match of the 1995 tournament, the potentially explosive meeting in Cape Town on May 25, between South Africa, the host country, and Australia, the world champions. England will welcome the appointment of familiar referees to their first two pool matches. Jim Fleming, of Scotland, takes the game against Argentina and Stephen Hilditch, of Ireland, the game against Italy.

Pecking order

Bowls: Only two of the 12 competitors in the Atlantic Rim Games singles championship at Durban remained unbeaten after two rounds: Jo Peacock, of Western Province, and Jean Martel, an outsider from Guernsey. Biggest surprise was the eclipse of the holder, Norma Shaw, of England, beaten 25-11 by Merle Swerdlow, of Israel.

Foreman inquiry

Boxing: George Foreman, who won a controversial decision over Axel Schulz to retain his International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight title, may be ordered to meet the German again. A committee will review the contest.

Father and faster

Motor rallying: Matthew Clark, 24, overcame freezing rain and fog to win the Spanish stage of the London-Mexico Rally, beating his father, Roger, in the process.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Dealer West North-South game Match-pointed pairs

♠432
♥AQJ1094
♦AK
♣82

W	N	E
♠AKJ97 ♥65 ♦653 ♣AK9	N W E S	♠5 ♥832 ♦J9742 ♣J1074

♠Q1086
♥K7
♦Q108
♣Q653

W	N	E	S
1♠	3♥	Pass	3 NT
All Pass			

Contract: 3 NT by South — Lead: King of spades

*The strong jump overcall is going out of fashion these days, but it facilitated the route to three no-trumps for North-South. At several tables in the recent Grand Master Pairs, the West players unimaginatively took their four top winners against 3NT and South claimed the rest. The passive defence of exiting with a diamond at trick two is also unsuccessful: declarer has the necessary entries to unblock dummy's diamond winners and come back to hand in hearts to take the diamond queen.

When Barry Rigal was West, he did better. When his partner played the five on the king of spades, he could tell it was a singleton, as his lead requested his partner to unblock any honour or give count. Not hopeful of finding his partner with the queen of clubs, Rigal found the bright play of exiting with a heart — easy to see on paper, but much more difficult at the table. This play broke up the communications between the two hands. The best that declarer can do is to take dummy's red suit winners, but, if he takes them all, he squeezes himself in the side suits on the last one, and if he leaves a winner in dummy, he scores only one trick more in hand.

Although you can survive as West on the hand if you take one top club before switching to hearts, this defence would fail if declarer had the jack or ten of clubs, as declarer can establish his ninth trick in that suit.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Sacrificial cascade

The series of international master tournaments organised by the indefatigable Chris Dunworth not only offer valuable practice to young British players, but also regularly produce a stream of sharp, sacrificial victories. Two fine examples, both involving a cascade of sacrifices to force checkmate, were played in the most recent tournament, which finished at the weekend.

White: Dive
Black: Baker
Cafe Baroque, London,
April 1995

Queen's Gambit Declined

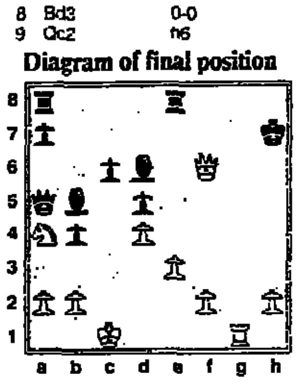
1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	e6
5	cxd5	exd5
6	Bg5	Nbd7
7	e3	Bd6
8	Bd3	0-0
9	Qc2	h6
10	Bh4	Re8
11	0-0-0	b5
12	g4	Qa5
13	g5	hxg5
14	Nxg5	b4
15	Na4	Ba6
16	Bh7+	Kf8
17	Rhg1	Bb5
18	Nxf7	Kxf7
19	Rxg7+	Kxg7
20	Qg6+	Kh8
21	Bxf6+	Nxf6
22	Qxf6+	Kxh7
23	Rg1	Black resigns

White: Holland
Black: Whiteley
Cafe Baroque, London, April 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nc3	Nc6
3	g3	g6
4	Bg2	Bg7
5	d3	e5
6	f4	Nge7
7	Nh3	d6
8	0-0	0-0
9	f5	gxf5
10	Qh5	h6
11	exf5	Nd4
12	Nd5	Nxc2
13	Ng5	Bxf5
14	Rxf5	hxg5
15	Rh5+	Qh6
16	Bxg5	Ng6
17	Rf1	Qe8
18	Be4	Qd7
19	Ne7+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Computer wins

In Reykjavik, Margeir Petursson, the Icelandic Grandmaster, beat a range of computer opponents 4-1. His defeat came in the final round, against the Chess Genius program, which beat Garry Kasparov in quick games in London last year.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BEANIE
a. Baseball pitched at the head
b. A close-fitting hat
c. An American Browny

COROCORO
a. A nervous delusion
b. The Indian cuckoo
c. A Malayan boat

DREIKANTER
a. A triangular decanter
b. A pebble
c. A Yiddish singer

FLAITH
a. A chieftain
b. Cowardice
c. A gammy knee

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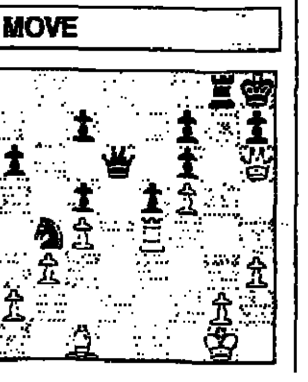
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Nunn — Portisch, Reykjavik 1988. How did White force a quick checkmate with a neat tactical sequence?



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RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO [illegible]

Pontefract

Going: good

2.45 (5f) 1, Plum First (Kimberley Hart, 8-1); 2, Nite-Owl Dancer (7-1); 3, Prince Belfort (3-1). Maid O'Cannie 11-4 fav. 11 ran. ½l, 1¼l. L Lloyd-James. Tote: £8.20; £2.20, £1.90, £1.80. DF: £63.70. Trio: £34.80. CSF: £58.56.

3.15 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Worldnews Extra (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, Heboob Alshemaal (15-8 fav); 3, Invest Wisely (20-1). 10 ran. NR: Beyond Doubt. 1¾l, 1¾l. P Cole. Tote: £4.60; £1.50, £1.40, £4.80. DF: £3.20. Trio: £19.00. CSF: £10.25. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.45 (6f) 1, Brookhead Lady (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Six For Luck (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Kid Ory (9-1). Perfect Bertie 7-2 jt-fav. 15 ran. 1¼l, ¾l. P Evans. Tote: £7.20; £2.10, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £13.40. Trio: £111.90. CSF: £27.82.

4.15 (1m 4yd) 1, Western General (N Connorton, 14-1); 2, Queens Consul (8-1); 3, Mo-Addab (8-1); 4, Admirals Flame (16-1). Samah 5-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Mapengo. Nk, 1¼l. Miss S Hall. Tote: £20.90; £3.30, £1.40, £2.10, £6.40. DF: £162.90. Trio: £150.70. CSF: £125.56. Tricast: £905.12.

4.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Florid (W Ryan, Evens); 2, Waiting (10-11 fav); 3, Moneghetti (40-1). 4 ran. 4l, 30l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.06.

5.15 (2m 1f 22yd) 1, Roberty Lea (K Darley, 11-4 fav); 2, Noufari (8-1); 3, Kadiri (10-1). 13 ran. ¾l, hd. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.30; £1.80, £3.30, £2.40. DF: £12.20. Trio: £46.10. CSF: £24.60. Tricast: £184.11.

5.45 (6f) 1, Rosebud (K Darley, 9-1); 2, Inbaash (9-2); 3, Aljana (6-4 fav). 10 ran. ½l, 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £12.50; £2.90, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £60.30. CSF: £48.41.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £49,935.12 carried forward to Kempton today).

Placepot: £42.70. Quadpot: £48.20.

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

2.30 (6f 189yd) 1, Ma Petite Anglaise (M Henry, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Lorelei Lee (12-1); 3, Mo's Star (33-1). Rasmi 5-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Glorious Bid, Little Wilma. 1¾l, ½l. W Jarvis. Tote: £5.00; £2.00, £2.60, £4.50. DF: £19.40. Trio: £228.60 (part won, pool of £32.21 carried forward to 3.00 at Kempton today). CSF: £30.72. Little Wilma (12-1), withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound.

3.00 (5f) 1, Arvzees (R Hughes, 5-4 fav); 2, Mustafia (8-1); 3, Solva Mist (25-1). 6 ran. 1½l, 7l. M Channon. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £4.20. DF: £7.30. CSF: £11.09. Bought in for £7,100gns.

3.30 (1m 7f 92yd) 1, Rolling The Bones (A Mackay, 8-1); 2, Soojama (7-1); 3, Head Turner (7-1). By Arrangement 7-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Pride Of May, Show Dream. 2½l, 1½l. P Felgate. Tote: £8.70; £2.10, £2.60, £2.80. DF: £35.90. Trio: £97.40. CSF: £53.84. Tricast: £387.51.

4.00 (6f) 1, Prolific Lady (R Cochrane, 100-30); 2, Jo Maximus (7-1); 3, Double Matt (Evens fav). 10 ran. NR: Bella Coola. 1½l, sh hd. G Oldroyd. Tote: £4.10; £1.30, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £11.80. Trio: £8.30. CSF: £26.28.

4.30 (6f) 1, Emerging Market (W Carson, 2-1); 2, Prima Cominna (13-8 fav); 3, Anzio (33-1). 4 ran. 1¾l, 5l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.39.

5.00 (1m 4f) 1, Bookcase (J Williams, 20-1); 2, Bag of Tricks (7-2); 3, Mr Browning (11-4 fav). 11 ran. ½l, nk. D Elsworth. Tote: £9.50; £1.50, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £31.50. Trio: £76.70. CSF: £84.20. Tricast: £238.26.

5.30 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Fujiyama Crest (J Tate, 8-1); 2, Cambrea Belle (16-1); 3, Acquittal (4-1 fav). 14 ran. NR: Court Nap. 2l, ¾l. M Stoute. Tote: £8.10; £3.50, £16.20, £1.90. DF: £180.90. Trio: £340.30 (part won; pool of £71.90 carried forward to 8.00 at Kempton today). CSF: £99.95. Tricast: £408.27.

Placepot: £130.30.
Quadpot: £12.90.

Monday's late results

Chepstow

Going: good

5.30 (3m ch) 1, Jack Sound (Mr E Williams, 5-4 fav); 2, Dubit (13-8); 3, Westerlands Queen (4-1). 4 ran. NR: Coome Hill, The Merry Gambler. 2½l, 8l. Mrs M Evans. Tote: £2.50. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.45.

6.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Ballagh Countess (B Clifford, 9-1); 2, Rich Desire (7-2 fav); 3, G'ime A Buzz (10-1). 19 ran. NR: Lucylenco. 2l, 2l. C Benwell. Tote: £9.20; £2.30, £2.80, £2.40. DF: £22.00. Trio: £68.80. CSF: £40.48.

6.30 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Bo Knows Best (M A Fitzgerald, 5-6 fav); 2, Too Plush (7-2); 3, Rainbow Castle (7-2). 6 ran. 3½l, dist. G L Moore. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £4.02.

7.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Sabeid River (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Jonjas Chudleigh (8-1); 3, Nadjati (100-30 jt-fav). Southampton 100-30 jt-fav. 6 ran. 3l, 13l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £5.10; £2.40, £3.20. DF: £49.60. CSF: £26.52.

7.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Wolf Winter (T Grantham, 3-1 fav); 2, Frozen Drop (8-1); 3, Diamond Fort (9-1). 7 ran. NR: Woodlands Genhire. 6l, 1½l. J Old. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £2.50. DF: £13.40. CSF: £24.02. Tricast: £174.18.

8.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Cadougold (R Dunwoody, 1-3 fav); 2, Speaker's House (14-1); 3, Baybellina (50-1). 15 ran. NR: Never So Blue. 5l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £3.60, £5.70. DF: £6.80. Trio: £223.90. CSF: £8.16.

Placepot: £179.20. Quadpot: £52.70.

Sedgefield

Going: good

5.45 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Icanspell (J Supple, 10-1); 2, Anorak (5-2 fav); 3, Scrabo View (7-2). 18 ran. 4l, 1½l. W Storey. Tote: £11.70; £2.30, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £16.20. Trio: £8.50. CSF: £35.49.

6.15 (3m 3f ch) 1, Willsbelong (G Hogan, 9-4 fav); 2, Mischievous Girl (25-1); 3, Paddy In Paris (50-1). 10 ran. NR: Orton House. 5l, 4l. W Raw. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £6.10, £5.40. DF: £18.70. Trio: not won. CSF: £44.85.

6.45 (3m 3f ch) 1, Majic Rain (J Callaghan, Evens fav); 2, Prince Yaza (5-1); 3, Another Red (6-1). 9 ran. 5l, hd. D Eddy. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £5.10. Trio: £8.20. CSF: £8.74. Tricast: £19.54.

7.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, Popeshall (Mr D Raw, 6-4 fav); 2, Risky Dee (9-1); 3, Knowe Head (7-4). 9 ran. NR: Pure Money. 2½l, 15l. Miss S Williamson. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £10.70. Trio: £5.50. CSF: £14.75.

7.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Wills Telmar (D Bridgwater, 4-9 fav); 2, Manettia (5-2); 3, Charivic (50-1). 5 ran. NR: Frohman. 10l, 15l. J Johnson. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.97.

8.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Knights (Jacqui Oliver, 5-2 fav); 2, Cheeky Pot (8-1); 3, Frat (8-1). 8 ran. 5l, 1½l. H Oliver. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £11.00. CSF: £20.45. Tricast: £124.71.

Placepot: £8.00. Quadpot: £3.40.

PERTH

THUNDERER

3.30 Knucklebuster. 4.00 Mutual Trust. 4.30 Stoproveritate. 5.00 Marco Magnifico. 5.35 Musket Shot. 6.05 Earlymorning Light.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

3.30 PARTY HAS STARTED MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,626: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 0665 BLUE CHARM 47 Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-7 ... R Murphy (7)
2 5/R- DEVIL'S SOUL 606 K Linton 7-11-7 ... A Linton (7)
3 0500 GOOD PROFIT 15 W Young 6-11-7 ... J Burke
4 0PP3 HEDDON HAUGH 9 P Cheesbrough 7-11-7 ... R Supple
5 00- HIGHLAND SUNBEAM 559 L Lungo 5-11-7 ... T Reed
6 5P- JUMBO STAR 508 J Dixon 5-11-7 ... B Storey
7 6002 KNUCKLEBUSTER 13 R Fahey 5-11-7 ... L Wyer
8 MILITARY ACADEMY G Richards 6-11-7 ... —
9 36 NOVA CHAMP 7 Mrs S Smith 7-11-7 ... Richard Guest
10 640 RIVERS END 27 J Edwards 6-11-7 ... D Bentley
11 63FU SIGMA RUN 4 (B) J Edwards 6-11-7 ... N Williamson
12 0242 CAILIN GLAS 48 J Jefferson 6-11-2 ... P Niven
13 20-P RYTHMIC RYMER 22 J Jefferson 5-11-2 ... J Callaghan
14 6P0F SCALLY GAY 23 G Richards 6-11-2 ... B Harding (5)
15 3 ARIAN SPIRIT 9 J Eyre 4-10-9 ... O Pears
16 04 POMORIE 40 J Payne 4-10-9 ... F Leahy (5)

5-2 Sigma Run, 4-1 Knucklebuster, 6-1 Military Academy, 10-1 Arian Spirit, Cailin Glas, Heddon Haugh, Nova Champ, 12-1 others.

4.00 SHEPHERD & WEDDERBURN HANDICAP CHASE (£4,250: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 3UF4 MUTUAL TRUST 9 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-10 ... B Storey
2 3-PF PALMRUSH 8 (D,F,G) M Hammond 11-11-6 ... N Williamson
3 1202 BASILICUS 7 (D,S) Mrs S Smith 6-10-11 ... Richard Guest
4 56PR RUN PET RUN 9 (D,G,S) D Nolan 10-10-10 ... T Reed
5 623F CHARMING GALE 15 (V,CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-6 ... R Murphy (7)
6 4-0P WILD ATLANTIC 11 (F,G) Mrs Z Green 12-10-2 ... K Jones
7 3320 FUNNY OLD GAME 9 (D,S) D McCune 8-10-1 ... K Johnson

7-4 Mutual Trust, 3-1 Basilicus, 7-2 Charming Gale, 9-2 Palmrush, 14-1 Funny Old Game, 20-1 Wild Atlantic, 25-1 Run Pet Run.

4.30 TAYCARS DUNDEE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,493: 2m 110yd) (6)

1 5-00 PERSUASIVE 18 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0 ... G Lee (5)
2 -P60 MONTPELIER LAD 137 (V,D,F,G,S) G Richards 8-11-11 ... B Harding (5)
3 1121 STOPROVERITATE 18F (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-8 ... P Niven
4 2324 SHAHGRAM 8 (S) P Beaumont 7-10-0 ... R Supple
5 1200 SCARABEN 26F (D,G,S) S Kettlewell 7-10-0 ... N Williamson
6 0/0 RUN FOR NICK 9 (D,F) Mrs Z Green 7-10-0 ... Mr T Morrison

4-5 Stoproveritate, 4-1 Persuasive, 5-1 Montpelier Lad, 6-1 Shahgram, 14-1 Scaraben, 50-1 Run For Nick.

5.00 MOET & CHANDON NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,682: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 BEWARE OF AGENTS 29F M Hammond 6-11-0 ... D Bentley
2 -050 CROFTON LAKE 172 J Dixon 7-11-0 ... B Storey
3 3-0P GRAND AS OWT 8 D McCune 5-11-0 ... K Johnson
4 3252 KNOW-NO-NO 60 (BF) M Hammond 6-11-0 ... P Niven
5 2- MARCO MAGNIFICO 102F T Dyer 5-11-0 ... L Wyer
6 0005 MYFAVOURITEMARTIAN 13 M Morris 5-11-0 ... N Williamson
7 0000 SHARP N' SMOOTH 9F (B) W Kemp 8-11-0 ... S McDougall

7-4 Know-No-No, 5-2 Marco Magnifico, 7-2 Beware Of Agents, 5-1 Myfavouritemartian, 16-1 Sharp N' Smooth, 33-1 Crofton Lake, Grand As Owt.

5.35 TOTE CREDIT MAIDEN CHASE
(£3,571: 2m) (12)

1 3F-0 AYIA NAPA 33 Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-6 ... K Johnson
2 /P0 BRAVE STAR 11 (B) Mrs B Butterworth 9-11-6 ... A Roche (3)
3 6PP BUSTER BEN 74 J Barclay 6-11-6 ... Mr C Bonner (5)
4 3400 EXCISE MAN 23 (G) F Walton 7-11-6 ... Mr A Robson
5 / GORTNAMONA 387P J Bewley 9-11-6 ... Mr D Swindlehurst
6 P6UP LOMOND SPRINGS 22 J Barclay 6-11-6 ... M Moloney
7 2004 MUSKET SHOT 6 Mrs S Bradburne 7-11-6 ... A Watt (7)
8 0000 QUARTZ HILL 13 D Lamb 8-11-6 ... Mr A Manners (7)
9 05: MISS WAG 760 W Young 8-11-1 ... J Burke
10 0004 PARSON'S LODGE 23 L Lungo 7-11-1 ... T Reed
11 05P0 GRINNELL 9 D McCune 5-11-0 ... Mr M Cogan
12 0400 UPWARD SURGE 8 K Bailey 5-11-0 ... N Williamson

9-4 Parson's Lodge, 3-1 Upward Surge, 5-1 Musket Shot, 8-1 Excise Man, Lomond Springs, 10-1 Quartz Hill, Ayia Napa, 20-1 others.

6.05 BALLATHIE HOUSE HOTEL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,931: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 460U NOTABLE EXCEPTION 14 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-12-0 ... Miss S Bainbridge (7)
2 1132 URON V 25 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-7 ... M H Naughton (7)
3 0231 FARMER'S CROSS 25 (G,S) P Beaumont 11-10-10 ... Mrs A Farrell
4 0025 JUDGE AND JURY 15 (G,S) L Lungo 6-10-6 ... S Swiers
5 2144 EARLYMORNING LIGHT 15 (G) G Richards 6-10-4 ... D Parker (3)
6 /5U BENGHAZI 88 (S) A Thomson 11-10-3 ... R Hale (5)
7 F0U5 MALACHITE GREEN 11 (G) M Hammond 5-10-0 ... C Bonner (5)
8 1410 NICHOLAS PLANT 61 (S) J Goldie 6-10-0 ... M Cogan (7)
9 -S6F STRONG MEASURE 156 (F) P Cheesbrough 7-10-0 ... A Manners (7)
10 0042 FATHER O'BRIEN 22 J Edwards 8-10-0 ... Miss P Robson (7)

9-4 Uron V, 5-1 Earlymorning Light, 6-1 Father O'Brien, Judge And Jury, 7-1 Notable Exception, 8-1 Farmer's Cross, Nicholas Plant, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 10 winners from 23 runners, 43.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 47, 40.4%; L Lungo, 8 from 24, 33.3%; M Hammond, 19 from 65, 29.2%; S Kettlewell, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J Goldie, 3 from 12, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 10 winners from 25 rides, 40.0%; P Niven, 27 from 84, 32.1%; D Bentley, 3 from 14, 21.4%; T Reed, 7 from 49, 14.3%; K Johnson, 5 from 35, 14.3%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Catterick: 2.45 Lloc. Kempton Park: 8.00 Warwick Warrior. Perth: 4.30 Montpelier Lad. 5.35 Brave Star. Southwell: 3.00 Infantry Glen. 4.40 Shanoora.

Jural switches to Irish Guineas

By Julian Muscat

JURAL, who chased home Aqaarid in the Fillies' Mile at Ascot in September, is almost certainly out of the 1,000 Guineas a week on Sunday. Her trainer, Mark Johnston, has all but abandoned the Newmarket classic and nominated the Irish equivalent as an alternative target.

A bout of coughing has plagued Johnston's string but the trainer maintained yesterday that his horses have turned the corner. He has reserved a final decision until Jural, a 16-1 chance, works over the weekend, although he said yesterday: "I can't run her unless she is fit enough to do herself justice, and her gallop on Sunday told us she is not yet ready. The Irish 1,000 Guineas on May 27 looks favourite at this stage."

Johnston was encouraged that Jural shed little weight after a strenuous workout on Sunday. And unlike many of her stablemates, she has not suffered from coughing. "It will go right down to the last gallop on the weekend but I'd have to see a different filly this time. Our only chance is if Sunday's work has really brought her on."

Whatever her fate, Johnston pronounced his horses on the road to recovery. Millstream, who succumbed to the cough after running third behind Mind Games earlier this month, has now returned to her best. She remains on target for the Palace House Stakes and another clash with Mind Games.

Double Eclipse is another to pick up the bit. The three-year-old is bound for the Prix Hoquart a week on Sunday, in advance of a possible outing in the Derby. "He is very exciting," Johnston said of the Ela-Mana-Mou colt. "A few weeks ago I'd have said he wasn't a Derby horse. But he's going so well now. It's a question of whether he'll be able to handle the fast pace at Epsom."

Jural's failure to come to hand for the 1,000 Guineas may prove a blessing in disguise. A daughter of Kris, she is from a Law Society mare and should be as effective over 12 furlongs, the distance of the Oaks. However, Johnston is keen to start Jural over a mile.

"I have an open mind," he said. "Jural can run a bit free, so I don't particularly want to go for ten-furlong races with small fields. She's in both the French and Irish 1,000 Guineas. The latter race would give us more time."

The Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) is also an option for Myself, who made a winning return in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket last week. A 6-1 chance with Corals for the Newmarket classic, Myself could be switched to France if connections feel she would have a better winning opportunity.

Although Myself ran out an easy winner at Newmarket, her trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, later reported that she lost ten kilos. She is to work on Friday for the first time since her Newmarket victory.

The Marchioness of Tavistock, whose Bloomsbury Stud owns Myself, said of the French option: "We shouldn't go in for heroics at this stage. It is a long season and I don't want her to have a particularly hard race so early on. We will first see how both races look, and we won't make a decision until a few days before the English race."

One confirmed runner at Newmarket is Smolensk, who pleased connections when working at Chantilly on Monday. Trained by André Fabre, Smolensk, a 12-1 chance for the 1,000 Guineas, was recently edged out by Macoumba on only her second racecourse outing.

Nap: RIYADIAN
(7.30 Kempton Park)

Next best: Children's Choice
(7.00 Kempton Park)

JULIAN HERBERT

Myself, left, is 6-1 for the 1,000 Guineas but could run instead in the French equivalent

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

5.30 Centurion. 6.00 Godmersham Park. 6.30 Lady Lacey. 7.00 Dancing Sensation. 7.30 RIYADIAN (nap). 8.00 Samsolom.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.30 RIYADIAN.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.00 Sulb.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

5.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND POLYANTHUS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,454: 5f) (9 runners)

101	(7)	0	BACK BY DAWN 11 D Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	–
102	(6)	3	CENTURION 6 R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	–
103	(8)	5	DAILY RISK 19 S Dow 9-0	M Hills	–
104	(5)		DANCING JACK J Bridger 9-0	G Duffield	–
105	(4)		EASTERN PROPHETS G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	–
106	(3)		HIGH HOPE HENRY P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	–
107	(9)	5	SONIC MAIL 11 K McAuliffe 9-0	R Cochrane	–
108	(2)	0	SPORTING FANTASY 11 M Channon 9-0	C Rutter	–
109	(1)		ISLA GLEN M McCormack 8-9	J Reid	–

6-4 Centurion, 5-2 High Hope Henry, 4-1 Sonic Mail, 7-1 Sporting Fantasy, 12-1 Eastern Prophets, 14-1 Isla Glen, 16-1 Back By Dawn, 20-1 others.

6.00 HAWTHORN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,909: 7f) (17)

201	(8)	5-	DIXIT DOMINUS 81J G Balding 4-9-10	J Williams	80
202	(7)		TAKHLID H Thomson Jones 4-9-10	R Hills	–
203	(4)		AUTUMN COVER R Flower 3-8-10	J D Smith (5)	–
204	(6)		BACKHANDER J Toller 3-8-10	Paul Eddery	–
205	(11)		BADDI QUEST B Hanbury 3-8-10	M Rimmer	–
206	(15)	0-3	GODMERSHAM PARK 9 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-10	D Harrison	■
207	(12)	00	HOT SNAP 8 C Wall 3-8-10	G Duffield	92
208	(9)	00-	JIGADEE CREEK 204 G Harwood 3-8-10	A Clark	84
209	(1)		MOKUTI G Wragg 3-8-10	M Hills	–
210	(16)		NAPOLEON'S LAW R Hannon 3-8-10	T Quinn	–
211	(17)	04-	SPORTING RISK 170 P Harris 3-8-10	R Cochrane	80
212	(13)		STORM BID E Dunlop 3-8-10	J Tate (3)	–
213	(10)		SULB A Stewart 3-8-10	J Reid	–
214	(5)	6-	QUINWOOD 198 J Gosden 3-8-5	Pat Eddery	80
215	(2)	00	ROOKERY GIRL 20 D Morris 3-8-5	R Price	98
216	(14)	0-	SHIFT AGAIN 179 W Jarvis 3-8-5	A McGlone	–
217	(3)	0	SUPERFLEX 30 D Morris 3-8-5	C Hodgson (3)	75

3-1 Quinwood, 4-1 Godmersham Park, 5-1 Sulb, 7-1 Mokuti, 8-1 Napoleon's Law, 10-1 Takhlid, 12-1 Storm Bid, 14-1 others.

6.30 FLORENCE NAGLE GIRL APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,944: 1m 1f) (20)

301	(1)	213/	INDEFENCE 596 (F,G) M Channon 4-10-0	Elizabeth Turner	–
302	(9)	30-0	TANSEEQ 9 (F) H Thomson Jones 4-9-13	Catherine Cooper	92
303	(8)	4665	GLOBAL DANCER 41 (B,G) W O'Gorman 4-9-12	Emma O'Gorman	90
304	(13)	530-	POSITIVO 193 (G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-12	Aimee Cook	89
305	(18)	00-4	SOOTY TERN 22 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 8-9-10	Amanda Sanders	90
306	(14)	554/	PROGRESSION 496 (D,BF) P Haslam 4-9-9	Nicola Howarth	–
307	(3)	22-0	BRANDONHURST 22 (D,F,G) Lady Herries 5-9-8	Lisa Hackett (5)	90
308	(6)	1246	BUDDY'S FRIEND 55 (F,G) R Williams 7-9-4	Sarah Thompson	94
309	(15)	0-32	MONTONE 16 (F,B,S) K Burke 5-9-2	Victoria Appleby	94
310	(5)	036-	ANLACE 272 (F) S Mellor 6-9-0	Jo Hunnam	88
311	(16)	0/21	DAYTONA BEACH 23 (G) P Burgoyne 5-9-0	Debbie Biggs	93
312	(20)	000-	MY GALLERY 147 (C,S) A Bailey 4-8-12	Angela Gallimore (5)	90
313	(11)	40-6	LADY LACEY 25 (V,CD,F,G,S) G Balding 8-8-11	Iona Wands	91
314	(17)	000-	SANTELLA BOY 189 G Harwood 3-8-6	Gaye Harwood	90
315	(4)	0251	CAPTAIN MARMALADE 2 (G) D Thom 6-8-3 (5ex)	Adelle Gibbons	90
316	(10)	000-	NANTON POINT 232 Lady Herries 3-8-1	Shona Crombie	85
317	(2)	0256	LADY REEMA 20 Mrs A Whitfield 4-8-0	Ruth Coulter	95
318	(7)	060-	TUIGAMALA 180 R Ingram 4-7-12	Amanda Bowen (5)	83
319	(12)	-241	HATTA SUNSHINE 55 (G) A Moore 5-7-12	Caroline Hovington (5)	■
320	(19)	00-0	SHAYNES DOMAIN 11 (G) R Flower 4-7-11	Sally Wall (5)	93

5-1 Captain Marmalade, 8-1 Brandonhurst, Montone, 10-1 Buddy's Friend, Daytona Beach, Lady Lacey, Positivo, 12-1 others.

7.00 CHESTNUT HANDICAP (£3,729: 1m 4f) (15) SKY

401	(4)	-222	SHADOW LEADER 11 (D,S) Miss A Whitfield 4-9-10	R Painter (5)	91
402	(12)	500-	TRADE WIND 194 (B,F) D Elsworth 4-9-7	J Williams	91
403	(11)	2-01	BAYRAK 4 (D,G) M Ryan 5-9-5 (5ex)	Paul Eddery	98
404	(13)	02-6	EXEMPTION 30 (F) H Candy 4-9-1	W Newnes	95
405	(5)	040-	ROISIN CLOVER 209 (CD,F) S Dow 4-8-10	T Quinn	88
406	(3)	0-12	CHILDREN'S CHOICE 7 (F,S) P McBride 4-8-8	D Wright (3)	■
407	(10)	050-	WILDFIRE 170 (D,S) R Akehurst 4-8-7	A McGlone	89
408	(7)	-000	ALLESCA 11 (C,D,F,G,S) M Usher 5-8-7	C Adamson (7)	94
409	(15)	-300	DANCING SENSATION 34 (D,F,S) R Akehurst 8-8-4	S Sanders (3)	98
410	(6)	0-05	DURSHAN 16 (C,F,G) J Jenkins 6-8-1	D Biggs	93
411	(8)	00-0	BROUGHTONS FORMULA 20 (D,G) W Musson 5-8-0	A Whelan (5)	86
412	(2)	2310	ACHILLES HEEL 7 (D,G) C Allen 4-8-0	J Quinn	96
413	(9)	600/	SAAHI 440J (G,S) C Weedon 5-7-13	N Adams	–
414	(1)	14-0	GRANBY BELL 20 (D,G) P Hayward 4-7-12	R Street	92
415	(14)	040-	PILIB 191 J Pearce 4-7-12	G Bardwell	97

3-1 Shadow Leader, 9-2 Children's Choice, 8-1 Bayrak, 10-1 Achilles Heel, Dancing Sensation, Exemption, 12-1 others.

7.30 LABURNUM MAIDEN STAKES (£4,046: 1m 2f) (23) SKY

501	(12)	0/	CAERLE LAD 537 G Harwood 4-9-12	A Clark	–
502	(11)	5	GREAT EXPECTATIONS 286 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-12	M Rimmer	–
503	(19)	02-	I RECALL 228 P Hayward 4-9-12	S Raymont	76
504	(7)	4-	JAGELLON 347 W Muir 4-9-12	M Hills	77
505	(22)	0	MOSCOW MIST 405 Lady Herries 4-9-12	K Darley	–
506	(16)	43-	SEA FREEDOM 283 G Balding 4-9-12	J Williams	76
507	(20)	3/0-	QUANDARY 340 H Cecil 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	–
508	(16)	00-	WIZZY LIZZY 44J D Elsworth 4-9-7	Paul Eddery	–
509	(3)	60-	BRAYDON FOREST 215 C Drew 3-8-8	D Harrison	77
510	(6)		DAHLENBURG J Gosden 3-8-8	L Dettori	–
511	(23)	06-	ELPIDA 197 J Pearce 3-8-8	J McLaughlin	68
512	(5)	0-	ISTABRAQ 173 J Gosden 3-8-8	W Carson	73
513	(15)	0	KUTTA 7 R Armstrong 3-8-8	R Hills	83
514	(17)	0	PADDY'S STORM 20 R Flower 3-8-8	J D Smith (5)	–
515	(13)	04-	PENDING 205 I Balding 3-8-8	R Cochrane	78
516	(14)	32-	POLYDAMAS 181 M Stoute 3-8-8	J Reid	81
517	(21)	3	RIYADIAN 9 P Cole 3-8-8	T Quinn	■
518	(4)	6	SAYITAGAIN 20 T Mills 3-8-8	W Newnes	76
519	(1)		TIBETAN Lady Herries 3-8-8	T Ives	–
520	(6)	5-	ZIDAC 202 P Makin 3-8-8	R Perham	61
521	(9)	655-	GRANDES OREILLES 253 N Walker 3-8-3	C Rutter	68
522	(18)		PAMPAS BREEZE W Jarvis 3-8-3	A McGlone	–
523	(2)	006-	PEDALTOTHEMETAL 223 P Mitchell 3-8-3	A Whelan (5)	80

9-4 Riyadian, 4-1 Dahlenburg, 6-1 Polydamas, 8-1 Istabraq, 10-1 Sea Freedom, 12-1 Moscow Mist, Pending, 14-1 Jagellon, 16-1 others.

8.00 SYRINGA HANDICAP (£3,778: 6f) (17) SKY

601	(9)	001-	ERRA 191 (CD,F,S) R Hannon 6-9-12	S Raymont	89
602	(15)	000-	NAPOLEON STAR 207 (D,F) M Saunders 4-9-10	R Price	90
603	(10)	00-0	SAMSOLOM 21 (D,F,G) P Howling 7-9-9	K Darley	93
604	(16)	-036	DOMICKSKY 8 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 7-9-8	Pat Eddery	94
605	(11)	1280	WARWICK WARRIOR 9 (B,D,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-7	R Cochrane	86
606	(2)	51-	LANDLORD 266 (C,F) J Toller 3-9-7	W Newnes	92
607	(4)	465-	FACE THE FUTURE 200 (D,S) L Holt 6-9-6	J Reid	89
608	(1)	80-0	BAYIN 11 (CD,F,G,S) M Usher 6-9-5	R Street	97
609	(8)	204-	TEETOTALLER 271 (D,S) G Balding 4-9-5	J Williams	94
610	(6)	16-0	PATSY GRIMES 25 (D,G,S) L Holt 5-9-4	A McGlone	94
611	(3)	114-	MAKE TIME 186 (D,G,S) J Pearce 3-9-0	G Bardwell	■
612	(17)	0-30	RED ADMIRAL 77 (D,F,G) P Haslam 5-8-13	Nicola Howarth (7)	89
613	(7)	200-	MOUJEEB 166 (V,D,G) Pat Mitchell 5-8-13	L Dettori	94
614	(12)	050-	VANESSA ROSE 155 (C,G) A Bailey 4-8-12	V Halliday (5)	92
615	(13)	546-	DASHING DANCER 187 R Akehurst 4-8-8	T Quinn	93
616	(14)	00-3	PADDY'S RICE 20 (D,F) L Holt 4-8-2	Iona Wands (7)	94
617	(5)	/00-	AHJAY 182 (F) D Wilson 5-7-7	J Quinn	–

6-1 Erra, 7-1 Landlord, 8-1 Teetotaller, Face The Future, 10-1 Warwick Warrior, 12-1 Make Time, Paddy's Rice, Samsolom, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 9 winners from 42 runners, 21.4%; G Wragg, 7 from 36, 19.4%, H Cecil, 8 from 45, 17.8%, Pat Mitchell, 3 from 18, 16.7%, R Armstrong, 5 from 33, 15.2%, M Stoute, 11 from 75, 14.7%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 40 winners from 205 rides, 19.5%; M Hills, 11 from 81, 13.6%, W Carson, 25 from 186, 13.4%, Paul Eddery, 11 from 92, 12.0%; R Hills, 10 from 87, 11.5%. Only qualifiers.

Dunwoody poised for Festival double

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent in Punchestown

AFTER partnering Camitrov to victory on the opening day of the Punchestown Festival yesterday, Richard Dunwoody can land a double today on the Dermot Weld-trained pair, Fortune And Fame and Treble Bob.

Both horses are having their first runs since the Cheltenham Festival and Fortune And Fame, fourth in the Champion Hurdle, only has three to beat in the Woodchester Downshire Hurdle. However, one of them is the exciting novice Hotel Minella who won impressively yesterday.

Aidan O'Brien expects Hotel Minella to be a Champion Hurdle horse next season but the battle-hardened Fortune And Fame looks best today.

Treble Bob meets Ventana Canyon in the Stanley Champion Novice Hurdle and although the weights favour Ventana Canyon, Treble Bob will be a fresher horse.

Harcon, second in the Sun Alliance Chase, can defy top weight in the Heineken Gold Cup and while Gay Kelleway will be fancying her chances with Perfect Pal in the Champion bumper, That's My Man looks an exciting prospect.

Dunwoody came in for a winning ride on Camitrov in the Bradstock Novice Chase yesterday after Jamie Osborne had been stood down after a fall from Simon Christian's other runner, Nakir, in an earlier race.

Osborne expects to be fit to ride today. Dunwoody proved an able deputy, however, making practically all on Camitrov to beat Love And Porter by two lengths.

"That is Camitrov and probably Nakir finished for the season. Camitrov could run in 2½-mile handicaps next season, but should eventually get three miles," Christian said.

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THUNDERER

2.10 Crimson Shower
2.45 Perryston View
3.20 Thorntoun Jewel
3.50 Sea Victor
4.20 Southern Power
4.50 Classicy
5.20 PC's Cruiser

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 SEA VICTOR (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 BELLE ISLE APPRENTICES LIMITED STAKES (£2,776: 5f 212yd) (13 runners)

1	(6)	046160	BRISAS 15 (D,F,G) (C Fairhurst) C Fairhurst 8-9-8	A Garth	80
2	(3)	000102-	EAST BARNS 182 (B,C,F,G,S) (Northern Racing) S Gollings 7-9-6	Martin Dwyer (5)	82
3	(5)	0-00058	HENRY THE HAWK 6 (V) (S Benzel) M Dods 4-9-6	V Halliday (3)	80
4	(8)	02000-0	MY GODSON 16 (B,C,F,S) F O'Mahony 5-9-6	G MacDonald (5)	77
5	(10)	00060-	SILVER WILL 270 (G Leggott) W Baker 5-9-6	Darren Moffatt	–
6	(4)	0000-24	SOMDERISE 9 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 6-9-6	J Stack	86
7	(11)	540030-	HI KIKI 198 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs M McCourt 4-9-1	R Studholme (7)	89
8	(7)	000-0	SUEDORO 9 (R Vardy) G Kelly 5-9-1	N Kinnon (7)	–
9	(1)	00050-4	MR SLICK 14 (Mrs B Storey) W Storey 3-8-8	D R McCabe	90
10	(9)	03-4	CRIMSON SHOWER 30 (Mrs D Russell) J Fanshawe 3-8-3	N Varley	98
11	(2)	40404-6	LUGANA VISION 6 (V) (Old School House Racing) G Fierro 3-8-3	Jo Hunnam (5)	■
12	(12)	304285	POLY LAUREON 11 (F,G) (J Forsyth) R Hollinshead 3-8-3	A Eddery (5)	91
13	(13)	024-60	WERE JOKEN 16 (D,G,S) (J Gilbert) J Berry 3-8-3	C Lowther (7)	92

BETTING: 3-1 Somderise, 5-1 Crimson Shower, 6-1 East Barns, 8-1 Lugana Vision, 10-1 Brisas, We're Joken, 14-1 others.

1994: OVALWORLD 3-8-8 A Garth (9-2) D Nicholls 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRISAS best recent effort beat Monsieur Petong short-head in 10-runner selling handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f). EAST BARNS 3¾l 2nd of 20 to Edan in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good). SOMDERISE 4th of 10 to Perryston View in handicap at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). Earlier beat 2nd of 11 to My Cherrywell in handicap at Edinburgh (5f, good to soft) with HENRY THE HAWK (3lb better off) 3¾l 5th. HI KIKI 2¾l 3rd of 21 to The Sharp Bidder in claimer at Leicester (6f, good) on penultimate start. MR SLICK 3¾l 4th of 7 to Hamilton Silk in seller at Hamilton (1m 65yd, soft). CRIMSON SHOWER 3¾l 4th of 6 to Thoros in auction maiden at Folkestone (6f, good). LUGANA VISION 3¾l 6th of 13 to Fangio in claimer at Ripon (5f, good to firm). POLY LAUREON best recent effort 2¾l 2nd of 10 to Ultra Beet in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f).
Selection: CRIMSON SHOWER

2.45 SEDBURY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,935: 5f) (11 runners)

1	(11)	634144-	HIGH RANKING 215 (B,F) (Mrs J Pallister) M H Easterby 9-7	S Maloney	90
2	(9)	063131-	PERRYSTON VIEW 9 (V,D,F,B,S) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 9-3 (7ex)	M Birch	94
3	(6)	051-84	SWAN AT WHALLEY 34 (B,F) (Capt H Barlow) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll	92
4	(4)	111130-	ULTRA BEET 34 (D,G) (Pet Express Ltd T/A Naturmix) P Haslam 8-13	J Weaver	98
5	(8)	0540-	STATOMIST 170 (Old School House Racing Ltd) G Fierro 8-5	M Wigham	88
6	(5)	28300-0	LLOC 30 (B,D,S) (Miss C Shirly) John Berry 8-3	J Stack (5)	■
7	(10)	020-	PEMLEY 203 (I Bockett) R Whitaker 8-2	Dale Gibson	91
8	(2)	4-22300	C-YER-SIMMIE 27 (D,G) (T Copperhall) R Hollinshead 8-1	A Garth (5)	94
9	(3)	30-3301	NADWATY 37 (B,D,G) (Mrs B Ward) M Chapman 7-11	C Munday (7)	97
10	(7)	600162-	ABLE SHERIFF 173 (B,D,F) (C Jarvis) M W Easterby 7-8	J Fanning	95
11	(1)	36600-	ABSOLUTELY FABULUS 174 (Mrs M Oldas) J Spearing 7-7	Darren Moffatt (3)	93

Long handicap: Absolutely Fabulus 7-6.

BETTING: 7-2 Perryston View, 6-1 High Ranking, Swan At Whalley, Able Sheriff, C-Yer-Simmie, 7-1 others.

1994: STEPHENSONS ROCKET 9-7 J Carroll (6-1) J Berry 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PERRYSTON VIEW completed double beat Tenor 2½l in 10-runner handicap at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). Earlier beat ABLE SHERIFF (10lb better off) 5l in 9-runner nursery at Doncaster (5f, soft) with C-YER-SIMMIE (12lb better off) 2¾l 6th. Previously beat Embezzler ¾l in 13-runner auction nursery at Redcar (6f, good) with HIGH RANKING (14lb better off) 4l 4th. SWAN AT WHALLEY 4¾l 5th of 14 (later placed 4th) to Portend in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good) with ULTRA BEET (1lb better off) 6¾l 10th and C-YER-SIMMIE (1lb worse off) 3l 12th. STATOMIST 12l 9th of 10 to Musical Season in juvenile conditions race at Folkestone (5f, soft). LLOC 7l last of 8 to Nordico Princess in handicap at Folkestone (5f, good). PEMLEY best juvenile effort short-head 2nd of 12 to David James' Girl in seller at Ayr (5f, good to soft). NADWATY beat Russian Heroine 5l in 13-runner seller at Southwell (AW, 5f). ABSOLUTELY FABULUS 8¾l 7th of 9 to Sloppes Brow in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f).
Selection: HIGH RANKING

3.20 JOCKEY CAP SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,467: 5f) (6 runners)

1	(5)	5	MONSIEUR CULSYTH 27 (Forsyth Colly Racing) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll	–
2	(1)	6	VALES ALES 26 (W Smith) R McKellar 8-11	N Kinnon (7)	–
3	(3)	0	DISPOL SAPPHIRE 7 (W Imeson) Mrs V Aconley 8-6	J Weaver	–
4	(2)	40	EXACTLY 6 (F Thornton) M Johnston 8-6	T Williams	–
5	(6)	00	POWER DEE 19 (K Wrigglesworth) M W Easterby 8-6	M Birch	–
6	(4)	5	THORNTOUN JEWEL 5 (W Johnstone) M Johnston 8-6	D Holland	–

BETTING: Evens Thorntoun Jewel, 5-2 Monsieur Culsyth, 5-1 Exactly, 8-1 Vales Ales, 12-1 Power others.

1994: HANNAH'S USHER 8-11 J Weaver (7-2) P Haslam 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONSIEUR CULSYTH 10¾l 5th of 8 to Colchacque Sister in auction maiden at Leicester (5f, soft). VALES ALES 30l 6th of 7 to Precious Girl in auction maiden at Hamilton (5f, heavy). DISPOL SAPPHIRE 40l last of 13 to Kala Sunrise in auction maiden at Pontefract (5f, firm). EXACTLY 11l 7th of 8 to Mongester in maiden at Ripon (5f, good to firm). POWER DEE 13l last of 8 to The Fresky Farmer in seller at Beverley (5f, good to firm). THORNTOUN JEWEL 5¾l 5th of 10 to Just Lady in claimer at Thirsk (5f, good to firm).
Selection: MONSIEUR CULSYTH

3.50 RICHMOND CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,024: 1m 3f 214yd) (6 runners)

1	(4)	33414-4	DREAMER 11 (F,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-8	J Fortune	95
2	(6)	0435-60	MANFUL 11 (F) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 9-4	N Kennedy	91
3	(2)	0-1	SEA VICTOR 34 (G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-2	L Dettori	■
4	(3)	16023-	WOT-IF-WE 218 (S) (B Mench) T Mills 9-2	J Carroll	80
5	(5)	42-1	RAASED 26 (G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	85
6	(1)	0-3	COLLEGE NIGHT 19 (Mrs C Dunnett) John Berry 8-7	C Dwyer	98

BETTING: 9-4 Dreamer, 5-2 Sea Victor, 11-4 Raased, 7-1 Wot-If-We, 12-1 Manful, College Night.

1994: MODNAX 9-0 M Hills (11-8 fav) B Hills 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DREAMER 3l 4th of 10 to Presenting in conditions race at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm). MANFUL 13l 9th of 11 to Murajja in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good). SEA VICTOR beat Meadow 2½l in 12-runner maiden at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). WOT-IF-WE 6¾l 3rd of 5 to Al Widyan in conditions race at Pontefract (1m, good to soft). RAASED beat Yet Again 13l in 8-runner auction maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, good). COLLEGE NIGHT 11¼l 3rd of 4 to Bunting in conditions race at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: SEA VICTOR

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.20 WIN WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (£3,868: 1m 3f 214yd) (13 runners)

1	(12)	212600-	GEORGE DILLINGHAM 95J (F,G) (J Blair) Denys Smith 5-10-0	J Carroll	89
2	(4)	5656-00	SLASHER JACK 19 (D,F,G) (T Chiang) S Norton 4-9-11	J Fortune	95
3	(1)	30/605-0	SARAWAT 19 (C,D,F,G) (D Spears) D Nicholls 7-9-11	Alex Greaves	86
4	(6)	0420-23	SOUTHERN POWER 9 (G) (Lucayan Stud) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-9	J Weaver	95
5	(9)	13143-1	COOL LUKE 14 (F,S) (B Batey) G Moore 6-8-13	M Tebbutt	96
6	(7)	431400	IN THE MONEY 20 (D,F,G) (J Bagg) R Hollinshead 6-8-5	A Garth (5)	98
7	(8)	4440-0	SALLYOREALLY 7 (Mrs B Storey) W Storey 4-8-5	D R McCabe (3)	88
8	(11)	04/3000-	CHOWPOR 15J (Allerton Racing Club) M Hammond 4-8-4	J Marshall	82
9	(13)	12250-0	DOUBLE ECHO 20 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 7-8-2	W Carson	91
10	(10)	01-1110	PHARLY DANCER 34 (D,G) (A Morucci) W Haigh 6-8-1	Dale Gibson	■
11	(5)	420532-	SOBA UP 174 (S) (Mrs M Hills) T Etherington 5-7-8	J Fanning	92
12	(2)	050640-	KINOKO 39J (CD,G,S) (A White) K Hogg 7-7-7	Darren Moffatt (3)	88
13	(3)	65503-1	MERRY MERMAID 21 (D,S) (Mrs D Steele) J Bottomley 5-7-7	N Kennedy	89

Long handicap: Merry Mermaid 7-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Southern Power, 6-1 Cool Luke, 7-1 George Dillingham, Merry Mermaid, 8-1 Sarawat, Pharly Dancer, Soba Up, 12-1 others.

1994: KINOKO 6-8-1 G Hind (8-1) K Hogg 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

GEORGE DILLINGHAM best effort last term about 3¾l 6th of 21 to Hasten To Add in handicap at York (1m 6f, good to firm). SLASHER JACK 24l 10th of 11 to Fire Worshipper in conditions race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SOUTHERN POWER ½l 2nd of 15 to Wayne County in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with SLASHER JACK (6lb better off) 14½l 10th and SARAWAT (3lb better off) 3l 11th. COOL LUKE beat Hillzah 2½l in 7-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f, soft). PHARLY DANCER beat Power 1¾l in 4-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. SOBA UP neck 2nd of 9 to Francia in handicap at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good) with MERRY MERMAID (7lb worse off) 6l 3rd. MERRY MERMAID beat Rejects Reply 3½l in 17-runner selling handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to soft).
Selection: GEORGE DILLINGHAM

4.50 HURGILL LODGE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,104: 7f) (15 runners)

1	(7)	05	ALLTIME DANCER 19 (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	S Maloney	84
2	(12)		CHARLIE-DON'T SURF (Huff'N'Hitch Racing) R Thompson 9-0	M Wigham	–
3	(8)	40-	CLASSICY 211 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	J Weaver	95
4	(2)	3-	DR CALIGARI 286 (N Jackson) J Berry 9-0	J Carroll	75
5	(3)	00-	FARFIELDS PRINCE 210 (Mrs D Bainbridge) D Nicholls 9-0	N Connorton	84
6	(9)	0-3	SAATCHMO 2 (G Tregloan) J Spearing 9-0	J Stack (5)	96
7	(14)	0	UNDAWATERSCUBADIVA 9 (J Coupland) M Bielby 9-0	A Culhane	–
8	(6)	0	CUPRONICKEL 11 (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 8-9	M Birch	91
9	(5)		HARRY'S TREAT (H Steckles) J Eyre 8-9	J Fortune	–
10	(15)		HIGHFIELD FIZZ (Mrs P Taylor-Garthwaite) C Fairhurst 8-9	J Fanning	–
11	(13)	00	HUTCHIES LADY 14 (Wilmac (Civil Engineering) Ltd) R McKellar 8-9	N Kinnon (7)	–
12	(1)	44-	LIGURIAN 232 (R Sangster) J Watts 8-9	B Thomson	■
13	(10)	0	SAMSUNG LOVELYLADY 22 (T Scothern) E Weymes 8-9	G Hind	–
14	(4)		SKEDADDLE (J Duck) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9	D Holland	–
15	(11)		THRUSHWOOD (N Chamberlain) N Chamberlain 8-9	S Webster	–

BETTING: 9-2 Dr Caligari, 5-1 Classicy, 6-1 Ligurian, 10-1 Skedaddle, Farfields Prince, Highfield Fizz, 14-1 others.

1994: SOZZLED 9-0 M Hills (13-8 fav) B Hills 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLTIME DANCER 13¾l 5th of 10 to Bolshoi in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). CLASSICY 6l 4th of 8 to Singspiel in maiden at Chester (7f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DR CALIGARI 10¾l 3rd of 9 to Be Mindful in maiden here (6f, good to firm). FARFIELDS PRINCE 17l last of 8 to Crimpton Hill in maiden at Newcastle (1m, good). SAATCHMO 5¾l 3rd of 17 to Tael Of Silver in seller at Nottingham (6f, good). CUPRONICKEL 11l 7th of 10 to Sarasota in maiden at Haydock (7f, good). LIGURIAN about 11l 4th of 15 to Cloud in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm).
Selection: CLASSICY

5.20 SPRING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,703: 7f) (19 runners)

1	(9)	65502-1	EDEN DANCER 16 (G) (A Graham) Mrs M Reveley 9-7	J Fortune	95
2	(7)	60-2	SHOWERY 19 (Lord Derby) J Watts 9-5	B Thomson	90
3	(12)	004260-	OUR ROBERT 189 (T Fawcett) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-5	J Weaver	94
4	(17)	02000-0	RED HOT RISK 6 (V,G) (Smith and Allan Oils Racing Club) M Dods 9-3	S Webster	85
5	(8)	46-2215	MAC'S TAXI 89 (D,G) (J McMurdo) P Haslam 9-1	J Stack (5)	94
6	(14)	4064-	BAD NEWS 170 (Old School House Racing Ltd) G Fierro 9-0	M Wigham	■
7	(11)	060-00	PRIME PROPERTY 18 (A Black & Co) M W Easterby 8-13	M Birch	83
8	(19)	406065-	CHAMPAGNE N DREAMS 244 (V Greaves) D Nicholls 8-13	Alex Greaves	86
9	(5)	131040	PC'S CRUISER 32 (G) (PC Racing Partners) M Chapman 8-13	C Munday (7)	94
10	(18)	136044-	SIMAND 172 (F) (W Martin) E Weymes 8-12	G Hind	93
11	(10)	5-25441	VINDALOO 16 (D,G) (J Abell) J L Harris 8-5	Dale Gibson	92
12	(15)	3600-	TINKLERS FOLLY 204 (R Manners) Denys Smith 8-5	N Connorton	96
13	(4)	0200-01	PASH 27 (V,S) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 8-4	N Kennedy	90
14	(1)	000-00	FOIST 18 (R Batey) M W Easterby 8-2	J Fanning	–
15	(2)	040-	LEAP YEAR BABY 264 (D Gray) M Hammond 8-2	J Marshall	86
16	(13)	004-	LONGCROFT 266 (A Wiser) K Hogg 8-1	T Williams	85
17	(6)	64563-0	EURO SCEPTIC 21 (B) (C Stevens) M H Easterby 8-1	S Maloney	94
18	(3)	000-	TOBAGO BOY 176 (M Saunders) M Meagher 7-13	Martin Dwyer (7)	–
19	(16)	0-5600	MALZOOM 14 (Mrs D Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 7-7	N Varley (5)	80

Long handicap: Malzoom 7-6

BETTING: 5-1 Showery, 6-1 Eden Dancer, 7-1 Bad News, 8-1 Pash, Vindaloo, 12-1 PC's Cruiser 16-1 others.

1994: SHOTLEY AGAIN 4-7-11 L Charnock (33-1) N Bycroft 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

EDEN DANCER beat Woodrising 3¾l in maiden at Edinburgh (1m, good). SHOWERY 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Bolshoi in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). OUR ROBERT about 5¾l 6th of 15 to In Good Faith in handicap at York (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start. MAC'S TAXI beat Petty Garter 2½l in 2-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. BAD NEWS about 10¾l 6th of 15 to Red Light in maiden at Lingfield (7f, soft) on penultimate start. VINDALOO beat Sharp'N'Smooth 1l in selling handicap at Edinburgh (7f, good). PASH beat Wells Lad 1¾l in selling handicap at Edinburgh (1m, good to soft).
Selection: EDEN DANCER (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Fanshawe	4	13	30.8	B Thomson	4	9	44.4
J Gosden	6	21	28.6	D Holland	8	37	21.6
P Cole	4	16	25.0	J Carroll	23	131	17.6
Mrs M Reveley	20	86	23.3	N Connorton	9	57	15.8
S Norton	10	50	20.0	J Weaver	10	71	14.1
M Hammond	5	26	19.2	J Fortune	11	80	13.8

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER

5.45 Dress Dance. 6.15 Ballyhamage. 6.45 Pop Song. 7.15 Violet's Boy. 7.45 Larry's Lord. 8.15 Jameswick.

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

5.45 BIDEFORD TOOL LIMITED AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,855: 2m 1f) (11)

1	12	LONE RISK 9 (CD,S) M Pipe 4-11-10	M Rimell (5)
2	3062	SKY BURST 35 L Cottrell 5-11-8	NON-RUNNER
3	2P64	DRESS DANCE 9 N Mitchell 5-11-8	Miss S Mitchell (7)
4	0-62	DARING KING 25 M Bolton 5-11-7	J Naylor (7)
5	0534	NINE O THREE 11 (S) N Ayliffe 6-11-5	R White (7)
6	3046	FLASHMAN 15 B Llewellyn 5-10-8	J L Llewellyn (5)
7	0041	CHRIS'S GLEN 9 (V,F) J Bradley 6-10-8 (7ex)	R Johnson (7)
8	6052	GLEN MIRAGE 14 (F) M Coombe 10-10-4	Miss M Coombe (7)
9	P000	DONTDRESSFORDINNER 9 D R Tucker 5-10-3	Miss S Rowe (7)
10	00PF	JUMPING JUDGE 9 N Thomson 8-10-0	S Davis (7)
11	5-65	PARISIAN 4 J Bennett 10-10-0	J Rees (7)

2-1 Lone Risk, 7-2 Chris's Glen, 5-1 Daring King, 6-1 Nine O Three, 8-1 Dress Dance, 10-1 Flashman, 12-1 others.

6.15 LISKEARD NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,678: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

1	0F02	BALLYHAMAGE 7 J Evans 7-11-2	Mr R Johnson (7)
2		DREAM HERE G Balding 7-11-2	S Fox (5)
3	0/0R	FORWARD REWARD 9 N Mitchell 8-11-2	D Skyrme
4	P-FP	GORDON'S PET 44 P Wakely 9-11-2	G Hogan (5)
5	00F	GRUNDON 9 Mrs L Taylor 6-11-2	D Bridgwater
6	000	KISMET LEGACY 62 B Millman 7-11-2	D Salter (5)
7	P250	LYME GOLD 75 O Sherwood 6-11-2	J A McCarthy
8	F	MALIGHT 11 R Frost 6-10-11	J Frost
9		SPRINGFIELD DANCER P Hobbs 4-10-5	Peter Hobbs

5-4 Lyme Gold, 3-1 Ballyhamage, 7-2 Springfield Dancer, 6-1 Dream Here, 16-1 Kismet Legacy, 25-1 Forward Reward, Malight, 33-1 others.

6.45 WESTCOUNTRY TELEVISION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,887: 3m 2f 110yd) (8) SKY

1	PF21	TERAO 35 (S) M Pipe 9-12-0	R Dunwoody
2	4PF3	BOLL WEEVIL 32 (G,S) O Sherwood 9-11-13	J A McCarthy
3	P123	POP SONG 11 (CD,F,G,S) G Roe 11-10-13	A Thornton
4	P-56	SAM SHORROCK 34 (B,D,G,S) G Thorner 13-10-7	D Bridgwater
5	2140	CREGG BOREEN 108 (G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-3	C Maude
6	-0P4	MONKSANDER 13 (G) P Ritchens 9-10-2	S Fox (5)
7	PPP3	ROSE LANCASTER 43 (D,S) M Griffin 12-10-0	A P McCoy
8	0PP3	SHASTON 11 (V,F,G,S) W G M Turner 10-10-0	P Holley

6-4 Terao, 2-1 Boll Weevil, 5-1 Cregg Boreen, 6-1 Pop Song, 14-1 Sam Shorrock, 16-1 Monksander, 25-1 others.

7.15 CROWN WINDOWS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,408: 2m 6f) (8) SKY

1	P-3P	WELSHMAN 19 (C,F,G,S) M Blanshard 9-12-0	D Gallagher
2	0342	FOREST FEATHER 9 (B,D,G) C Weedon 7-11-5	R Dunwoody
3	-3PP	KHAZARI 14 (G,S) R Brotherton 7-11-0	C Llewellyn
4	4-11	VIOLET'S BOY 25 (CD,G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-12	Peter Hobbs
5	-P41	SURCOAT 8 (D,F) R Baker 8-10-2 (6ex)	B Powell
6	045P	BADRAKHANI 46 (G,S) L Nash 9-10-0	J R Kavanagh
7	/3-4	VISION OF FREEDOM 11 (G) W Reed 7-10-0	D Bridgwater
8	00-P	NUT TREE 42 (B,G) O Wise 10-10-0	C Maude

6-4 Violet's Boy, 9-4 Forest Feather, 5-1 Surcoat, 6-1 Welshman, 12-1 Badrakhani, 20-1 Khazari, 25-1 others.

7.45 FOWEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,626: 2m 5f) (14) SKY

1	3FP4	COUNTERBALANCE 32 (S) J McConnochie 8-11-10	S McNeill
2	-2FP	WATERMEAD 169 (F) C Mann 10-11-9	J Railton
3	11P4	ASK THE GOVERNOR 14 (F,G,S) G Balding 9-11-8	A P McCoy
4	3F22	LARRY'S LORD 9 P Nicholls 6-10-13	R Dunwoody
5	11P5	ALLO GEORGE 4 (C,G,S) A Newcombe 9-10-8	A Thornton
6	-RFU	MATAWAI 7 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-10-8	A Tory
7	3340	LAND OF THE FREE 130 (F,S) R Baker 6-10-6	B Powell
8	423P	MR SUNNYSIDE 69 (G) R Frost 9-10-3	J Frost
9	41PP	RHOMAN FUN 14 (G) G Ham 6-10-3	D Gallagher
10	5444	LUCKNAM DREAMER 9 Mrs B Waring 7-10-0	E Byrne
11	3P20	ROCQUAINE 14 (G) B Scriven 9-10-0	Mr R Johnson (7)
12	0-54	SENNA BLUE 27 R Pugh 10-10-0	V Slattery
13	P6P0	TEARFUL PRINCE 14 C Mitchell 11-10-0	D Bridgwater
14	R5-0	MISHY'S STAR 27 (B) A Forte 13-10-0	I Lawrence

3-1 Ask The Governor, 7-2 Larry's Lord, 5-1 Counterbalance, 7-1 Mr Sunnyside, 8-1 Allo George, 10-1 Watermead, 16-1 others.

8.15 TRIPLEPRINT OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,628: 2m 1f) (16) SKY

1	1	JAMESWICK 13 (F) W Turner 5-11-7	T Murphy (7)
2		BUCKLAND BOY P Hobbs 5-11-0	Peter Hobbs
3		CAVALERO H Manners 6-11-0	M Appleby (7)
4		DIRTY DANCER M Madgwick 6-11-0	J R Kavanagh
5		PERSONAL TASTE O Carter 6-11-0	Mr M Rimell (5)
6		PETULANT PETE Mrs A Barclay 5-11-0	Mr S Joynes (7)
7	28/	SON OF ANUN 782 W G M Turner 6-11-0	M Griffiths (7)
8		BE DECENT R Frost 5-10-9	R Darke
9		ESKIMO STAR D R Tucker 5-10-9	Miss S Rowe (7)
10		MISS FIRECRACKER R Frost 5-10-9	J Frost
11	2	AROUND THE GALE 48 D Gandolfo 4-10-8	D Leahy (3)
12		DISCO'S WELL M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-8	D Gallagher
13	2	TEE CEE PEE 21 Mrs S Williams 4-10-8	S Lyons (3)
14		ZHU JIANG D Hyde 4-10-8	B Powell
15		DARLING MADELINE M Pipe 4-10-3	O Burrows (7)
16		RESTATE C Horgan 4-10-3	Mr L Jefford (7)

6-4 Around The Gale, 3-1 Jameswick, 6-1 Buckland Boy, 8-1 Darling Madeline, 12-1 Disco's Well, Son Of Anun, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 98 winners from 349 runners, 28.1%; P Hobbs, 32 from 117, 27.4%; P Nicholls, 18 from 74, 24.3%; O Carter, 5 from 22, 22.7%; G Balding, 11 from 72, 15.3%; O Sherwood, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 47 winners from 166 rides, 28.3%; C Llewellyn, 13 from 56, 23.2%; Peter Hobbs, 22 from 98, 22.4%; A Thornton, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Railton, 6 from 32, 18.8%; D Bridgwater, 6 from 37, 16.2%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

2.25 Dante's Rubicon. 3.00 Shuttlecock. 3.35 Self Reliance. 4.10 Cretan Gift. 4.40 Nameless. 5.10 Hasta La Vista.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.35 Self Reliance.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.25 NEPTUNE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,519: 7f) (16 runners)

1	400-	LANCASHIRE LIFE 214 E Alston 4-10-0	K Fallon 1
2	00-0	DANTE'S RUBICON 23 J Bethell 4-9-11	W Ryan 4
3	-1526	TITANIUM HONDA 23 C Brittain 4-9-8	B Doyle 15
4	2-04	SCENT OF POWER 27 M Wane 5-9-6	K Darley 10
5	50-0	NUVEEN 31 (B) Mrs J Jordan 4-9-6	A Culhane 3
6	0300	UCKERBY LAD 37 (B) N Littmoden 4-9-5	T McLaughlin (5) 16
7	000-	FAUSTINO 204 P Cole 3-9-5	T Quinn 5
8	-536	RAINBOWS RHAPSODY 27 M Camacho 4-9-5	J Quinn 8
9	060-	NAUTICAL JEWEL 209 M Usher 3-9-4	R Price 9
10	000	IL FRATELLO 13 N Callaghan 4-9-4	G Carter 6
11	400-	COLOSSE 176 M Jarvis 3-9-1	P Robinson 2
12	40-3	BEDAZZLE 27 M Brittain 4-8-13	J Lowe 14
13	03-0	WILD ADVENTURE 23 D Chapman 6-8-13	Dean McKeown 13
14	000-	GAMZATTI 246 C Booth 4-8-8	S Whitworth 12
15	325	NUTHATCH 63 M Usher 3-8-7	C Adamson (7) 11
16	5423	KEYS SEMINAR 25 John Berry 3-8-6	Stephen Davies 7

5-1 Titanium Honda, 6-1 Bedazzle, Faustino, 7-1 Scent Of Power, 10-1 others.

3.00 APHRODITE CLAIMING STAKE S (£2,519: 1m) (11)

1	3102	SECOND COLOURS 13 (C,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-13	K Darley 2
2	4016	NORTHERN CELADON 13 (D,G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-9	Stephen Davies 10
3	1250	NO SUBMISSION 2 (CD,G) D Chapman 9-9-5	Dean McKeown 9
4	0356	SHUTTLECOCK 54 (CD,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-3	M Fenton 8
5	4225	BATTLE COLOURS 25 (B,CD,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-9-1	K Fallon 4
6	83-0	INFANTRY GLEN 20 (B,G) P Cundell 5-8-13	W Newnes 1
7	00-0	CORRIEVARKIE 20 Miss G Kelleway 3-8-3	S Sanders (3) 5
8	5020	LOGIE 9 M Jarvis 3-8-2	P Robinson 6
9	00-6	SAMAKA HARA 16 (F) W Cunningham 3-6-2	N Carlisle 3
10	4320	WHAT A NIGHTMARE 15 (D,G) J Glover 3-8-2	G Carter 7
11	4-15	LEGALLY DELICIOUS 49 (CD,G) J Banks 3-7-9	J Quinn 11

7-2 Second Colours, 4-1 No Submission, 5-1 Northern Celadon, 7-1 What A Nightmare, 8-1 Legally Delicious, Corrievarkie, 10-1 Battle Colours, 12-1 others.

3.35 HERA MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,519: 6f) (6)

1	6-3	ROYAL DOME 15 M Wane 9-0	K Darley 4
2	4	MAMMA'S DUE 13 J Berry 8-9	G Carter 6
3	50-5	MIXED MOOD 15 B Palling 8-9	T Sprake 2
4	0	NISYA 22 Miss G Kelleway 8-9	S Whitworth 3
5		SELF RELIANCE 20 M Bell 8-9	M Fenton 5
6	00-0	WESTCOURT PRINCESS 15 (B) M W Easterby 8-9	J Quinn 1

6-4 Self Reliance, 9-4 Mamma's Due, 5-1 Royal Dome, Mixed Mood, 8-1 others.

4.10 ACHILLES HANDICAP (£2,519: 6f) (15)

1	5-00	WHITTLE WOODS GIRL 11 (D,G,S) E Alston 4-10-0	J Dunn 11
2	5-21	CRETAN GIFT 15 (CD,G) N Littmoden 4-9-8	T McLaughlin (5) 2
3	1132	SOUPERFICIAL 5 (V,CD,F,G) J Glover 4-9-7	K Darley 3
4	04-2	BEVELED EDGE 15 (D,F) B Palling 6-9-4	T Sprake 7
5	5334	AT THE SAVOY 16 (B,C,G) T Barron 4-8-13	Kimberley Hart (7) 4
6	00-0	RANKAIDADE 21 (S) E Incisa 4-8-12	Kim Tinkler 9
7	0005	FARMER JOCK 15 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 13-8-4	C Teague (5) 13
8	5451	EFFICACY 11 (D,G) A Jarvis 4-8-3	B Hunter (7) 5
9	5034	THE REAL WHIZZBANG 15 (B) P Felgate 4-8-3	P McCabe (5) 15
10	5400	BENTEN 16 (B) D Chapman 3-7-11	M Baird (5) 6
11	4220	WELLSY LAD 15 (B,CD,G,S) D Chapman 8-7-9	N Carlisle 1
12	50-0	MAZZARELLO 16 R Curtis 5-7-7	J Lowe 12
13	0-06	CHARNWOOD QUEEN 82 R Armstrong 3-7-7	S Lanigan (7) 8
14	000-	GATE OF HEAVEN 9 John Berry 5-7-7	G Carter 10
15	000-	LADY KHADIJA 134J G Kelly 9-7-7	Claire Balding 14

4-1 Souperficial, 6-1 Cretan Gift, Efficacy, 7-1 Beveled Edge, 8-1 Whittle Woods Girl, 10-1 Charnwood Queen, At The Savoy, 12-1 others.

4.40 APOLLO SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,243: 5f) (6)

1	5	BROGANS BRUSH 19 C Fairhurst 8-12	S Whitworth 3
2	31	GI LA HIGH 13 (G) J Berry 8-12	G Carter 4
3		SNITCH C Smith 8-12	W Woods 5
4	40	MYSTERIOUS TIMES 5 M W Easterby 8-7	K Fallon 1
5	2	NAMELESS 13 D Cosgrove 8-7	J Quinn 6
6	5	SHARODRA 30 (V) B Palling 8-7	T Sprake 2

5-4 Gi La High, 2-1 Nameless, 6-1 Sharodra, Brogans Brush, 12-1 others.

5.10 GREEK GOD HANDICAP (£3,388: 1m 4f) (16)

1	4-24	MR TOWSER 51J (CD,G) W Haigh 4-9-13	C Teague (5) 13
2	6311	MY MINNIE 13 (C,G) B Meehan 5-9-9	B Doyle 5
3	2436	PALACEGATE JO 15 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-3	W Ryan 15
4	2033	HATTAAFEH 20 (G) M Jarvis 4-9-2	W Woods 4
5	0-01	SEA SPOUSE 23 (CD,G) M Blanshard 4-9-1	Stephen Davies 14
6	2333	RISKY TU 34 (CD,G) P Kelleway 4-9-0	S Whitworth 9
7	3624	TEMPERING 23 (B,CD,G) D Chapman 9-9-0	Dean McKeown 12
8	3/00	SILVER SAMURAI 19 (C,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 6-8-12	K Fallon 1
9	2120	MODEST HOPE 18 (CD,F,G) B Richmond 8-8-9	Claire Balding 11
10	66-5	HASTA LA VISTA 15 (B,CD,F,G) M W Easterby 5-8-5	M Fenton 2
11	50-0	JARROW 20 (F) Mrs A Naughton 4-7-13	J Lowe 8
12	422-	GYMCRAK DIAMOND 180J G Holmes 5-7-12	G Carter 3
13	0201	LIAB 15 (B,C,G) J Parkes 5-7-7	N Carlisle 16
14	00-0	FRYUP SATELLITE 19 L Lloyd-James 4-7-7	M Baird (5) 6
15	006-	BARDIA 212 (F) E Incisa 5-7-7	Kim Tinkler 10
16	04-0	MRS TIGGER 108 R Armstrong 3-7-7	S Lanigan (7) 7

5-1 My Minnie, 7-1 Liab, Risky Tu, 8-1 Gymcrak Diamond, Sea Spouse, 10-1 Hattaafeh, Mr Towser, Tempering, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 19 winners from 63 runners, 30.2%; M Jarvis, 7 from 27, 25.9%; P Cole, 12 from 60, 20.0%; R Armstrong, 9 from 47, 19.1%; W Haigh, 18 from 105, 17.1%.

JOCKEYS: Kimberley Hart, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; P Robinson, 6 from 27, 22.2%; K Darley, 19 from 98, 19.4%; T Quinn, 19 from 129, 14.7%; M Fenton, 11 from 82, 13.4%.

Pick your Fantasy First XI and win £10,000

Time to put your selection skills to the test in our new, improved cricket game runs out tomorrow. Do not miss your chance

THIS is your last chance to show that you can give Raymond Illingworth and the England selectors a run for their money in the cricket season that steps up a gear tomorrow with the start of the Britannic Assurance County *Championship. You could win* £10,000, the top prize for the overall winner, or our weekly prize of £250. Each week we will publish the leading 100 entries.

In association with Company Barclaycard, the United Kingdom's leading corporate charge card, we have renewed our exclusive arrangement with the Test and County Cricket Board to present *The Times* Fantasy First XI. The great strengths of last year's game, First Class XI, have been preserved. It is up to you to select the team you think will sweep the board. Every *first-class run your players* score and every first-class wicket they take will count towards your total. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of your selection skills and your eye for first-class talent.

But we have introduced some big improvements. We *have simplified the rules* and introduced the chance to change your team during the season.

We have added the West *Indies touring party to our list* of overseas players, making the likes of Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose available for selection. We have dispensed *with the captains'* category and replaced the reserve system with a transfer season.

Starting on May 4, we will carry the full list of players' first-class scores and the names of the top 100 entries every Thursday, but, for the *first time, we are also provid*ing a Fantasy First XI hotline, so you can check your team's *progress when it suits you.*

This year, there is a new service designed to enable groups of players at home or at work to measure their *selection skills against each* other by forming a mini-league. *You will also be able to* enter an office team and try to win the Company Barclaycard TeamLeague. Full details are published below.

The rules are simple:

1) Select five batsmen.
2) Select one all-rounder.
3) *Select one wicketkeeper.*
4) Select four bowlers.
5) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player.
6) *Your Fantasy First XI must* include one (and no more than *one) rising star.*

All players must be selected according to the categories published here (for example a player such as Graeme Hick, *listed here as an all-rounder*, may only be selected as an all-rounder, not as a batsman; *Phillip DeFreitas is listed here* as an all-rounder — he may not be selected as a bowler).

There will be a seven-day transfer season (July 12-18) *during which you will be able* to change up to four members of your team, although your final XI must still conform to the six rules above. You do not have to change your team at all, *but*, if you choose to, you will receive the points scored by your original selection up to July 12 *and those scored by* the revised selection from the moment first-class play resumes on July 18.

Apart from these transfers, *no changes will be allowed.* No substitutions can be made, so it is worth bearing in mind *the injury records of the* players available. If a player is not playing first-class cricket, then he is not scoring in the Fantasy First XI.

Scoring: you score according to the performance of your players. For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 *points. For each dismissal* (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. *Catches* taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

In the event of a tie, the scores of the rising star will be *decisive. If another tie-break is* necessary, its form will be decided by *The Times* Fantasy First XI panel.

Fixtures: The Times Fantasy *First XI season runs from* April 13 until September 18 but the deadline for telephone entries is noon tomorrow. Postal entries must also be received by tomorrow. Only first-class matches, as designated by the Test and County Cricket Board, throughout the *season (including those played* before the closing date for entries to this competition) will count.

As last year, you can enter *by phone or by post. Phone* calls will be charged at 39 per minute cheap rate, 49p per *minute* at other times. Please note that postal entries must be accompanied by a fee of £2.50, and cheques should be made payable to *The Times Fantasy First XI.*

Compete against your colleagues — and with them

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE selector of the Fantasy First XI *team which scores the* most points each week will win £250 and the team which stands atop the Fantasy First XI standings at the end of the *season will take our top prize* of £10,000.

But this year, for the first time, you can compete directly with colleagues at work or *friends and family at home*, in our new Fantasy First XI **Mini Leagues**. *All you have to do is* find three people who have entered Fantasy First XI (or persuade them to enter before the closing deadline tomorrow) *and then choose a manager.*

The team manager can then submit to us the four Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) *and we will provide regular* updated **Mini League** tables throughout the season. Each month, notification will be sent to the designated manag*er showing the positions of* all four members of the **Mini League** relative to each other. At the end of the season you will receive a certificate to *remind* you of your final positions. But you will not only be competing against each other — you will also be competing as a team. The ***Mini League*** whose four members produce the highest aggregate score over the whole season will win a prize of £1,000.

The second competition, the **Company Barclaycard Team League**, is only open to teams made up of members of the same company or office and *runs over a shorter period.*

The procedure is the same as above, only you must include your company *name* in the *team name. You may* add a department or branch name if you like and if you work for a large organisation you might like to give your team a distinctive title to avoid duplication. There is no limit on the length of team names but the shorter, the better and longer ones will have to be abbreviated *should* they qualify for publication in *The Times.*

We will provide you with details of the relative standings in your league and the aggregate *score of all four* members will count towards the **Company Barclaycard Team League**. Once a month we will publish a list showing the top 10 companies in the **Company Barclaycard Team League**. *Please note that this* league finishes on **August 14** and the winners will receive their prize at the Oval as guests of Company Barclay*card later that month.*

To cover administration costs we are charging an entry fee of £2. This applies to both the **Mini Leagues** and the ***Company Barclaycard Team* League**. Cheques or postal orders should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI. Please remember that *in order to make use of the* mini-league service, you must enter the main game before tomorrow in order to receive your PIN.

All you have to do is fill in the coupon. Don't forget to tick *the box showing* whether you are entering the Mini Leagues or the Company Barclaycard Team League.

Coupons and payment *should be sent to The Mini* League, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0NS. If you are entering the Company Barclaycard *Team League, please mark* this on the top lefthand corner of the envelope. The closing date for receipt of the coupons is Tuesday May 9 and the first *bulletins will go out on ap*proximately June 1.

There are only three days left if you want to enter Fantasy First XI. Postal entries must arrive by the close of business on Thursday. The *telephone lines are open until* noon that same day but don't delay too long. With only three days left, the lines are already growing busy.

Remember if your first choice players are affected by injuries or loss of form, there will be nothing you can do about replacing them until the *transfer period in mid-July.* All first-class runs scored and wickets taken count towards your score, including those in matches played before the closing date.

We would like to enter:

The Mini Leagues ☐

The Company Barclaycard Team League ☐

TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Enter the PIN of your four team members:

1											Team Manager
2											
3											
4											

Please complete only one of these:

Your Mini League name

or

Your Company Barclaycard Team League name

COMPANY BARCLAYCARD

Send your entries and £2 to:

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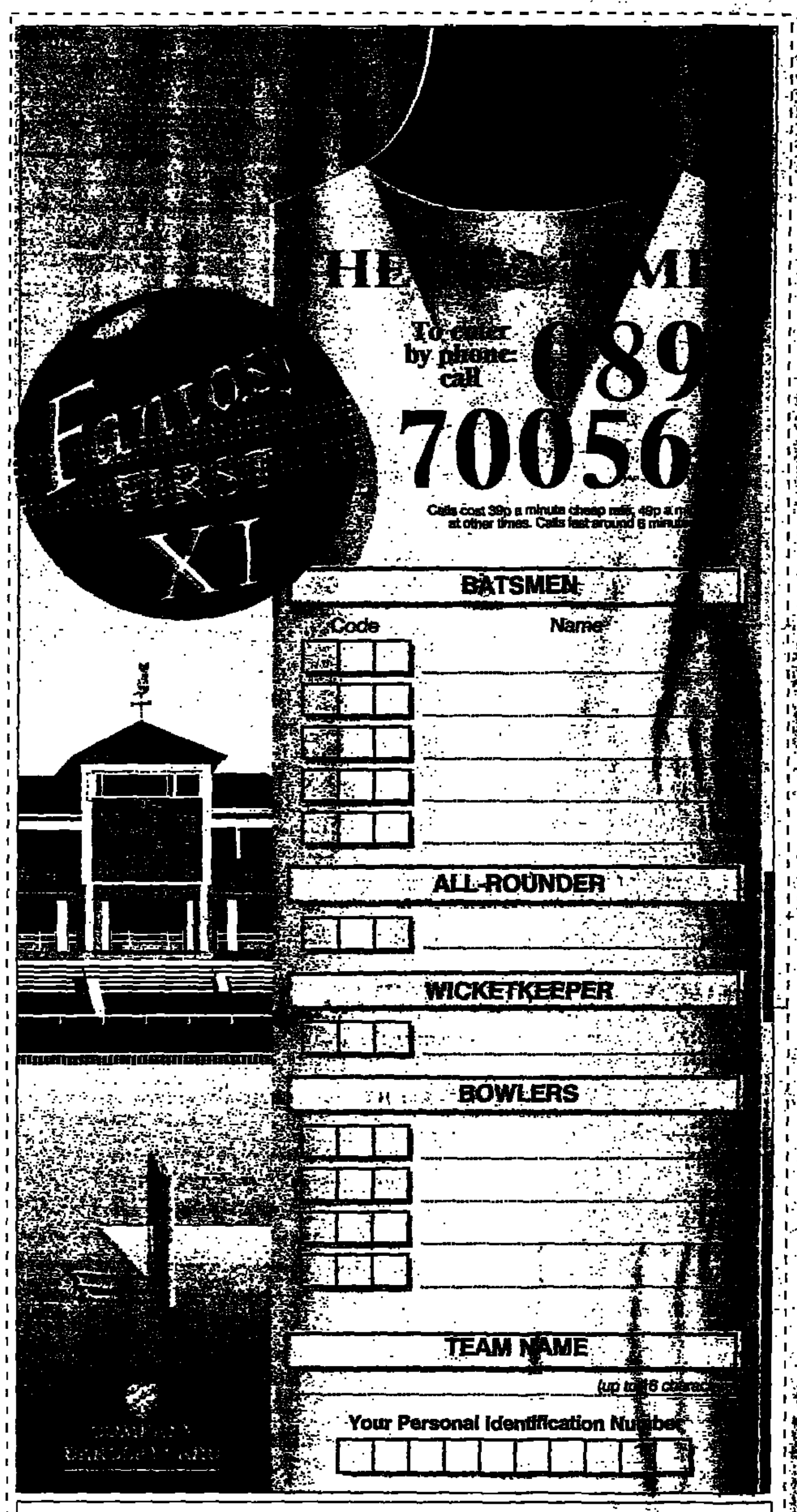
Bedfordshire LU2 0NS



To enter by phone call 089 70056

Calls cost 39p a minute cheap rate, 49p a [illegible] at other times. Calls last around 6 [illegible]

BATSMEN

Code	Name

ALL-ROUNDER

Code	Name

WICKETKEEPER

Code	Name

BOWLERS

Code	Name

TEAM NAME

(up to 16 characters)

Your Personal Identification Number

NAME ....

ADDRESS ....

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Send your entries to: Times Fantasy First XI
Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU2 0NS

SELECT A TEAM TO BEAT THE BEST

There are six basic rules:

1) You must select five batsmen
2) You must select one all-rounder
3) You must select one wicketkeeper
4) You must select four bowlers
5) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player
6) Your XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star

All players must be selected according to the categories published below. Only matches designated first-class by the TCCB will count

① In this section please enter the five batsmen you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (001-123) as batsmen. You may pick any number of players from any county but remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every run your batsmen make and every wicket they take will count towards your team's total.

② Please enter your selected all-rounder, who must be drawn from numbers 124-165, in this section.

③ Your wicketkeeper (from numbers 166-185) will [illegible] score with each [illegible] catch or stumping.

④ In this section please enter the four bowlers you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (186-287) as bowlers. Again, remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every wicket your bowlers take and every run they make will count towards your total.

SCORING

For every run each of your XI scores you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each wicketkeeping dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

How to enter by phone or post

THE 24-hour telephone lines close at noon tomorrow, the day when the Britannic Assurance County Championship begins. *Runs* scored and wickets taken in the first-class games before tomorrow *will* count in Fantasy First XI. But beware the last-minute rush.

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. *You* cannot enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling 0891 700565.

Then follow the step-by-step instructions. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers.

Make sure you have picked one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address, postcode and daytime phone number. *Finally*, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time.

Calls cost 39p *per minute* cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about six minutes.

Competitors may give their *teams* any name of up to 16 characters. If a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

Readers wishing to enter by post should complete their Fantasy First XI list and send it (photocopies are not acceptable) with a cheque or postal order for £2.50 to *The Times Fantasy First XI*, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0NS to arrive by tomorrow. Cheques should be made payable to *The Times Fantasy First XI.*

All entries, whether by telephone or post, will be acknowledged. Telephone entry enquiries should be made to Broadsystems on 0171 284 5000; registration queries should be made direct to Abacus on 01582 457444, in both cases quoting *The Times Fantasy First XI.*

FULL LIST OF FANTASY FIRST XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-123)

Pick five players from this category

001	C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002	**J C Adams (West Indians)**
003	G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004	**K L T Arthurton (West Indians)**
005	Asif Din (Warwickshire)
006	M A Atherton (Lancashire)
007	C W J Athey (Sussex)
008	R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
009	K J Barnett (Derbyshire)
010	M R Benson (Kent)
011	**M G Bevan (Yorkshire)**
012	D J Bicknell (Surrey)
013	T J Boon (Leicestershire)
014	P D Bowler (Somerset)
015	N E Briers (Leicestershire)
016	A D Brown (Surrey)
017	D Byas (Yorkshire)
018	**S L Campbell (West Indians)**
019	J D Carr (Middlesex)
020	**S Chanderpaul (West Indians)**
021	M Church (Worcestershire)
022	P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
023	G R Cowdrey (Kent)
024	J P Crawley (Lancashire)
025	**W J Cronje (Leicestershire)**
026	**D J Cullinan (Derbyshire)**
027	T S Curtis (Worcestershire)
028	J A Daley (Durham)
029	R I Dawson (Gloucestershire)
030	**P A de Silva (Kent)**
031	M P Dowman (Nottinghamshire)
032	N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
033	A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
034	J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
035	M W Gatting (Middlesex)
036	G A Gooch (Essex)
037	A P Grayson (Yorkshire)
038	K Greenfield (Sussex)
039	J W Hall (Sussex)
040	T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
041	R J Harden (Somerset)
042	A N Hayhurst (Somerset)
043	G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
044	D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
045	G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
046	A J Hollioake (Surrey)
047	N Hussain (Essex)
048	* S Hutton (Durham)
049	S P James (Glamorgan)
050	P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051	M Keech (Hampshire)
052	S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053	N V Knight (Warwickshire)
054	A J Lamb (Northamptonshire)
055	**B C Lara (West Indians)**
056	M N Lathwell (Somerset)
057	W Larkins (Durham)
058	D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
059	N J Lenham (Sussex)
060	J J B Lewis (Essex)
061	N J Llong (Kent)
062	G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
063	J I Longley (Durham)
064	M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
065	M A Lynch (Gloucestershire)
066	G I Macmillan (Oxford Univ and Leicestershire)
067	M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
068	A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
069	T C Middleton (Hampshire)
070	A J Moles (Warwickshire)
071	* R R Montgomerie (Northamptonshire)
072	**T M Moody (Worcestershire)**
073	H Morris (Glamorgan)
074	J E Morris (Durham)
075	R S M Morris (Hampshire)
076	M D Moxon (Yorkshire)
077	M C J Nicholas (Hampshire)
078	T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
079	D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
080	B Parker (Yorkshire)
081	T L Penney (Warwickshire)
082	P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
083	J C Pooley (Middlesex)
084	P J Prichard (Essex)
085	M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
086	T A Radford (Middlesex)
087	J D Ratcliffe (Surrey)
088	**R B Richardson (West Indians)**
089	D D J Robinson (Essex)
090	P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
091	R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire)
092	* A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
093	M A Roseberry (Durham)
094	* D Sales (Northamptonshire)
095	M Saxelby (Durham)
096	N Shahid (Surrey)
097	A Singh (Warwickshire)
098	B F Smith (Leicestershire)
099	P A Smith (Hampshire)
100	N J Speak (Lancashire)
101	M P Speight (Sussex)
102	A J Stewart (Surrey)
103	A Symonds (Gloucestershire)
104	N R Taylor (Kent)
105	V P Terry (Hampshire)
106	G P Thorpe (Surrey)
107	S P Titchard (Lancashire)
108	M E Trescothick (Somerset)
109	R G Twose (Warwickshire)
110	M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
111	* M J Walker (Kent)
112	D M Ward (Surrey)
113	T R Ward (Kent)
114	R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
115	**M E Waugh (Essex)**
116	A P Wells (Sussex)
117	W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
118	G W White (Hampshire)
119	J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
120	P R Whitaker (Hampshire)
121	**S C Williams (West Indians)**
122	* M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
123	A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (124-165)

Pick one player from this category

124	M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
125	I D Austin (Lancashire)
126	P Bainbridge (Durham)
127	* M A Butcher (Surrey)
128	**C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire)**
129	D G Cork (Derbyshire)
130	R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
131	K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
132	A Dale (Glamorgan)
133	P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
134	* S C Ecclestone (Somerset)
135	K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
136	M V Fleming (Kent)
137	**O D Gibson (Glamorgan)**
138	G A Hick (Worcestershire)
139	**C L Hooper (West Indians)**
140	R C Irani (Essex)
141	K D James (Hampshire)
142	S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
143	C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
144	G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
145	**Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)**
146	**D J Nash (Middlesex)**
147	A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
148	**M Prabhakar (Durham)**
149	D A Reeve (Warwickshire)
150	G D Rose (Somerset)
151	A W Smith (Surrey)
152	N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
153	P A Smith (Warwickshire)
154	J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
155	**F D Stephenson (Sussex)**
156	J P Stephenson (Hampshire)
157	C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
158	S D Udal (Hampshire)
159	**Wasim Akram (Lancashire)**
160	M Watkinson (Lancashire)
161	G Welch (Warwickshire)
162	C M Wells (Derbyshire)
163	V J Wells (Leicestershire)
164	P N Weekes (Middlesex)
165	C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (166-185)

Pick one player from this category

166	A N Aymes (Hampshire)
167	R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
168	K R Brown (Middlesex)
169	M A Garnham (Essex)
170	W K Hegg (Lancashire)
171	G J Kersey (Surrey)
172	K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
173	S A Marsh (Kent)
174	C P Metson (Glamorgan)
175	P Moores (Sussex)
176	**J R Murray (West Indians)**
177	P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
178	W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)
179	K J Piper (Warwickshire)
180	S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
181	D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
182	R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
183	N F Sargeant (Surrey)
184	C W Scott (Durham)
185	R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (186-287)

Pick four players from this category

186	J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
187	* U Afzaal (Nottinghamshire)
188	**C E L Ambrose (West Indians)**
189	S J W Andrew (Essex)
190	M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
191	A A Barnett (Lancashire)
192	S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
193	S J Base (Derbyshire)
194	J D Batty (Somerset)
195	J E Benjamin (Surrey)
196	**K C G Benjamin (West Indians)**
197	**W K M Benjamin (West Indians)**
198	M P Bicknell (Surrey)
199	J Boiling (Durham)
200	* J N B Bovill (Hampshire)
201	J E Brinkley (Worcestershire)
202	M Broadhurst (Nottinghamshire)
203	S J E Brown (Durham)
204	A R Caddick (Somerset)
205	G Chapple (Lancashire)
206	J H Childs (Essex)
207	C A Connor (Hampshire)
208	N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
209	K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
210	* D M Cousins (Essex)
211	N G Cowans (Hampshire)
212	D M Cox (Durham)
213	R P Davis (Warwickshire)
214	M Dimond (Somerset)
215	**A A Donald (Warwickshire)**
216	M A Ealham (Kent)
217	J E Emburey (Middlesex)
218	M Feltham (Middlesex)
219	M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
220	D P J Flint (Hampshire)
221	M J Foster (Northamptonshire)
222	A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
223	E S H Giddins (Sussex)
224	D Gough (Yorkshire)
225	F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
226	P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
227	D W Headley (Kent)
228	E E Hemmings (Sussex)
229	J E Hindson (Nottinghamshire)
230	J G Hughes (Northamptonshire)
231	A P Igglesden (Kent)
232	R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
233	M C Ilott (Essex)
234	P W Jarvis (Sussex)
235	R L Johnson (Middlesex)
236	* G Keedy (Lancashire)
237	N M Kendrick (Glamorgan)
238	A Kumble (Northamptonshire)
239	D R Law (Sussex)
240	R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
241	* J D Lewry (Sussex)
242	S Lugsden (Durham)
243	M J McCague (Kent)
244	D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
245	N A Mallender (Northamptonshire)
246	P J Martin (Lancashire)
247	R J Maru (Hampshire)
248	D J Millns (Leicestershire)
249	A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
250	T A Munton (Warwickshire)
251	P J Newport (Worcestershire)
252	G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
253	M M Patel (Kent)
254	R M Pearson (Essex)
255	D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
256	R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
257	A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
258	A C S Pigott (Surrey)
259	V J Pike (Gloucestershire)
260	N V Radford (Worcestershire)
261	A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
262	M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
263	I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
264	K J Shine (Middlesex)
265	* C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)
266	G C Small (Warwickshire)
267	A M Smith (Gloucestershire)
268	* V Solanki (Worcestershire)
269	**J Srinath (Gloucestershire)**
270	**H H Streak (Hampshire)**
271	I G S Steer (Derbyshire)
272	R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
273	P M Such (Essex)
274	J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
275	S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
276	M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
277	H R J Trump (Somerset)
278	P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
279	A P van Troost (Somerset)
280	**C A Walsh (West Indians)**
281	A E Warner (Derbyshire)
282	S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
283	N F Williams (Essex)
284	R C Williams (Gloucestershire)
285	J Wood (Durham)
286	G Yates (Lancashire)
287	* R S Yeabsley (Oxford Univ and Middlesex)

Bold type overseas player
* rising star

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You must include in your team one player from each of these two categories

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
188: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
004: K L T Arthurton (batsman)
196: K C G Benjamin (bowler)
197: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
011: M G Bevan (batsman)
128: C L Cairns (all-rounder)
018: S L Campbell (batsman)
020: S Chanderpaul (batsman)
025: W J Cronje (batsman)
026: D J Cullinan (batsman)
030: P A de Silva (batsman)
215: A A Donald (bowler)
137: O D Gibson (all-rounder)
139: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
239: A Kumble (bowler)
055: B C Lara (batsman)
072: T M Moody (batsman)
176: J R Murray (wicketkeeper)
145: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
146: D J Nash (all-rounder)
148: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
088: R B Richardson (batsman)
269: J Srinath (bowler)
155: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
270: H H Streak (bowler)
280: C A Walsh (bowler)
159: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)
115: M E Waugh (batsman)
121: S C Williams (batsman)

Rising stars

187: U Afzaal (bowler)
200: J N B Bovill (bowler)
127: M A Butcher (all-rounder)
210: D M Cousins (bowler)
134: S Ecclestone (all-rounder)
048: S Hutton (batsman)
236: G Keedy (bowler)
241: J D Lewry (bowler)
071: R R Montgomerie (batsman)
092: A S Rollins (batsman)
094: D Sales (batsman)
265: C E W Silverwood (bowler)
268: V Solanki (bowler)
111: M J Walker (batsman)
122: M G N Windows (batsman)
287: R S Yeabsley (bowler)

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Ward's stand hastens downfall of Surrey

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

CANTERBURY (Kent won the toss): Kent (2pts) beat Surrey by 93 runs

THERE are few finer sights in cricket than Canterbury on a sunlit spring day, but Surrey formed a jaundiced view of the old place yesterday. Their bowling was pitiful as Trevor Ward — with 125 — and Mark Benson put on 229 for Kent's first wicket and their batting did nothing to raise deflated spirits. At 12 for three, in hapless pursuit of 319, this game effectively ended long before tea.

Misguided though it can be to judge any team in April, Surrey's shortcomings can hardly be avoided. They have stroke-playing batsmen in abundance, so can never safely be counted out of a limited-overs event, but their bowling is so threadbare that they will find four-day cricket an increasing trial.

Desmond Haynes, the veteran opening batsman, has been left out of West Indies squad to tour England this summer. The West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) has opted to persist with Stuart Williams and Sherwin Campbell in his place. The party of 17 includes a recall for Ian Bishop, the pace bowler.

TOUR PARTY: R B Richardson (captain), S L Campbell, S C Williams, B C Lara, C L Hooper, J C Adams, K L T Arthurton, S Chanderpaul, J R Murray, C O Browne, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh, K C G Benjamin, O D Gibson, I R Bishop, W K M Benjamin, R Dhanraj. Tour manager: W W Hall. Team manager: A M E Roberts.

Even Carl Rackemann, the new overseas player for whom they must wait until June, cannot camouflage seam which is carried by old or unreliable legs and spin which scarcely exists. Yesterday, a fretting Alec Stewart, the captain, had to give a full 11 overs Nadeem Shahid, whose leg-breaks quickly betrayed years of virtual inactivity.

It was not Shahid's day. Retained in the side ahead of Ratcliffe, once Graham Thorpe had reported fit, he dropped Benson twice at backward point. The first, when the Kent captain had scored only eight, was a pardonable miss, but the second, 51 runs later, was not something he would care to review. By then, however, the openers had taken full toll of bowling that was too short and too wide, on a pitch of blissful pace and bounce. The die was cast.

Benson's form was grim last year and Kent depend upon him to anchor them. Back in the groove, as he was yesterday, he can make a vast difference to them.

Ward, a delightful foil to his captain's obduracy, played the ball late and confidently, never better than when square-cutting Benjamin for four to reach 50. He had not previously made a century in the Benson and Hedges Cup, but this one never looked in doubt.

At 181, the openers created a new, all-wicket record stand for Kent in the competition and they were still together, 229 on the board, with 15 overs remaining. Upwards of 350 was now the target and, in the circumstances, a healthy crowd was disappointed as the innings dropped away, eight wickets falling for 89 through strokes and running of needless risk.

The openers had done an admirable job, but the manner of their dismissals set the trend. Benson heaved across the line and was bowled by a relieved Shahid. Next over, Ward, whose 125 had occupied only 140 balls, earned six for a half-chance to deep mid-wicket and then sacrificed himself with a head-up sweep to mid-on.

Walker and de Silva, whose stroke-making should decorate Kentish days once summer is more advanced, were never out of second gear and no boundary was struck between the 42nd and 52nd over. Cowdrey played some expansive shots, but then the final over produced three wickets and only two runs, leaving Kent one short of their best total in 55-overs cricket.

To compete at all, Surrey required a smooth start. What followed did not quite qualify. Darren Bicknell was alertly run out, by Cowdrey, off the third ball of the innings, and although Thorpe was missed, first ball, at mid-wicket, he managed only five before losing his off-stump. The bowler was Dean Headley, who had kept Igglesden out of the side and operated at a sharp pace. When he squared up Ward and removed him leg-before for nought, Surrey were holed beyond repair.

Although Shahid salvaged something from the day, the rest was purgatory, for there is no relevance to an overs match once the result is determined. Even against opponents in disarray, Kent's bowling and outcricket was purposeful. They have won nothing since the 1970s but there is good reason for optimism.

BARRY GREENWOOD

Cronje goes on the offensive as he plunders 158 against Lancashire yesterday

Cronje's efforts are in vain

By Pat Gibson

OLD TRAFFORD (Leicestershire won toss): Lancashire (2pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets

LANCASHIRE, already considering disciplinary action against Wasim Akram over his failure to return from Pakistan in time for this match, looked as though they might have to take damages into account as well after Hansie Cronje had equalled the fifth-highest score in the 26-year history of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Fortunately for Wasim, however, the Lancashire batsmen overcame the absence of their match-winning all-rounder by reaching the highest winning score by a team batting second, overhauling Leicestershire's 312 for five with five wickets and three balls remaining. At least it should convince him that no one is indispensable.

Wasim was certainly missed when Cronje was batting. The new South Africa captain was on the back foot in England for most of last summer, making only 90 runs in six Test innings. Yesterday, in only his second competitive innings for Leicestershire, he was able to get onto the front foot with impunity to strike four sixes and 13 fours in a majestic 158.

Whitaker, who made 88, joined him in a third-wicket partnership of 175 in 22 overs, which cannot have done much for Glen Chapple's prospects of breaking into the England team for the forthcoming one-day internationals against the West Indies. The new fast bowling hope conceded 72 in his 11 overs in front of Ray Illingworth and his co-selectors, Fred Titmus and David Graveney, who were there to talk to Michael Atherton prior to naming the captain on Sunday.

They were able to reassure themselves about the form of both Atherton and Crawley, although it was Fairbrother who won marks for bravery, retiring with a bruised thumb but declining to go to hospital for an X-ray and returning two wickets later, putting on 61 in only nine overs with Lloyd, who was sufficiently inspired to win the match with a brilliant 81 off 73 balls, including a six and seven fours.

Knight makes it cup-holders' day

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Durham by 91 runs

ONCE Nick Knight and Roger Twose had put on 128 in 19 overs for Warwickshire's third wicket, the odds against Durham winning this Benson and Hedges Cup match were long indeed (Jack Bailey writes). By the time that the cup-holders' innings was finished, even with a good pitch in blazing sunshine to encourage them, Durham were realistically out of the game, besides counting the cost of a fine for taking nine minutes too long to bowl their overs.

Knight, who received the gold award, had made 91 on his debut at Edgbaston, an innings of 109 balls and 11 fours, taking him to his highest score in the competition. It was rich in promise, admirably atuned to the needs of his team. Twose was equally sure, equally aggressive, reaching his 90 from only 99 balls.

If there had been a silver award, either Twose or Reeve, with a fine all-round performance, would have won it. As it was, Warwickshire went on to reach 285, the highest score Durham have conceded in the competition. It needed something really special from Wayne Larkins or John Morris if Durham were to make Warwickshire sweat.

Larkins blazed away for 27 out of 36 scored from the bat before he was run out by Penney, from backward point. Morris played well for his 62 from 80 balls without the sort of violence necessary and, with Reeve's brilliant catch off his own bowling, went Durham's last hope.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Essex v Middlesex

CHELMSFORD (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (2pts) beat Essex by seven wickets

ESSEX

G A Gooch lbw b Feltham	5
*P J Prichard b Weekes	65
J J B Lewis lbw b Follet	6
N Hussain c Pooley b Weekes	65
R C Irani run out	25
D D J Robinson not out	35
†M A Garnham c Ramprakash b Fraser	1
M C Ilott b Fraser	13
N F Williams lbw b Fraser	0
P M Such not out	5
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 2)	5
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	225

D M Cousins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-53, 3-118, 4-164, 5-175, 6-178, 7-197, 8-197.

BOWLING. Fraser 10-1-43-3; Feltham 7-1-28-1; Nash 10-1-50-0; Follet 6-0-24-1; Emburey 11-0-36-0, Weekes 11-0-43-2.

MIDDLESEX

*M W Gatting not out	93
J C Pooley lbw b Irani	15
M R Ramprakash lbw b Ilott	1
J D Carr lbw b Williams	26
P N Weekes not out	67
Extras (b 9, lb 7, w 4, nb 6)	26
Total (3 wkts, 50.1 overs)	228

†K R Brown, D J Nash, J E Emburey, M A Feltham, A R C Fraser and D Follet did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-20, 2-21, 3-61

BOWLING: Ilott 11-0-37-1; Irani 11-3-36-1; Williams 9-0-49-1; Cousins 7.1-0-40-0; Such 10-0-42-0; Gooch 2-0-8-0.

Gold award: P N Weekes (Middlesex).

Umpires: V A Holder and M J Kitchen.

Glamorgan v Combined Universities

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss). Glamorgan (2pts) beat Combined Universities by 217 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James c and b Edwards	75
D L Hemp c Edwards b Killeen	121
*M P Maynard c Whittall b Killeen	41
P A Cottey not out	27
A Dale not out	37
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 4, nb 4)	17
Total (3 wkts, 55 overs)	318

R D B Croft, G P Butcher, S L Watkin, R P Lefebvre, †C P Metson and S D Thomas did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-164, 2-249, 3-262.

BOWLING: Renshaw 10-1-52-0, Edwards 11-3-45-1, Killeen 11-0-53-2; Whittall 11-0-65-0; MacRobert 8-0-67-0, MacMillan 4-0-27-0.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

*G I MacMillan lbw b Watkin	13
M T E Peirce lbw b Lefebvre	15
C M Gupte c Metson b Lefebvre	2
K R Spring b Thomas	23
W S Kendall c Metson b Thomas	14
†I G S Steer c Metson b Thomas	4
A D MacRobert c Metson b Thomas	0
N Killeen c Lefebvre b Croft	0
A R Whittall c and b Thomas	15
A D Edwards c Cottey b Thomas	7
S J Renshaw not out	0
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 2)	8
Total (34.2 overs)	101

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-30, 3-33, 4-62, 5-71, 6-71, 7-72, 8-76, 9-100.

BOWLING: Watkin 8-2-28-1; Lefebvre 9-0-33-2; Thomas 9.2-3-20-6. Croft 8-2-16-1

Gold award: D L Hemp (Glamorgan)

Umpires: A A Jones and J C Balderstone.

Hampshire v Gloucestershire

SOUTHAMPTON (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Hampshire by four wickets

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Russell b Smith	13
J P Stephenson lbw b Smith	11
R A Smith run out	28
*M C J Nicholas c Russell b Smith	1
P R Whitaker c Lynch b Alleyne	42
†A N Aymes lbw b Ball	2
K D James c Russell b Smith	15
S D Udal c Dawson b Srinath	12
H H Streak b Smith	3
M J Thursfield not out	4
C A Connor c Lynch b Smith	11
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 6, nb 5)	20
Total (55 overs)	162

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-46, 3-57, 4-66, 5-78, 6-110, 7-141, 8-145, 9-148.

BOWLING: Srinath 11-0-36-1, Cooper 11-1-22-0; Smith 11-0-39-6; Alleyne 9-1-27-1; Ball 10-0-17-1; Dawson 3-0-12-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright c Aymes b Thursfield	51
T H C Hancock c and b Streak	1
M A Lynch c Terry b Streak	0
R I Dawson c Aymes b Thursfield	34
M W Alleyne lbw b Udal	21
A Symonds c James b Streak	33
*†R C Russell not out	8
J Srinath not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 7)	18
Total (6 wkts, 50.1 overs)	166

M C J Ball, A M Smith and K E Cooper did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-100, 4-115, 5-139, 6-162

BOWLING: Connor 10.1-5-23-0; Streak 9-3-28-3; Thursfield 8-1-40-2; James 6-2-14-0. Udal 11-3-22-1, Stephenson 6-0-28-0.

Gold award: A M Smith (Gloucs).

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Julian

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss). Kent (2pts) beat Surrey by 93 runs

KENT

T R Ward c Benjamin b Kenlock	125
*M R Benson b Nadeem Shahid	85
M V Fleming b Kenlock	5
M J Walker run out	15
P A de Silva c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell	16
G R Cowdrey run out	28
M A Ealham st Stewart b Pigott	6
†S A Marsh b Pigott	1
M M Patel not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 21, w 11, nb 4)	37
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	318

M J McCague and D W Headley did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-229, 2-237, 3-241, 4-269, 5-300, 6-316, 7-317, 8-318.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 11-1-56-1, Benjamin 9-0-37-0; Kenlock 10-0-69-2, Pigott 11-0-52-2; Hollioake 3-0-23-0, Nadeem Shahid 11-0-59-1

SURREY

D J Bicknell run out	0
*†A J Stewart c Marsh b Ealham	45
G P Thorpe b Headley	5
D M Ward lbw b Headley	0
A D Brown b Fleming	29
A J Hollioake lbw b Ealham	23
Nadeem Shahid not out	65
M P Bicknell c McCague b Ealham	43
A C S Pigott not out	5
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 7)	10
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	225

J E Benjamin and S G Kenlock did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-6, 3-12, 4-68, 5-112, 6-113, 7-202

BOWLING. McCague 9-1-31-0, Headley 11-1-45-2; Fleming 11-0-41-1; Ealham 11-1-55-3; Patel 11-1-38-0, de Silva 2-0-13-0.

Gold award: T R Ward (Kent).

Umpires: R Palmer and N T Plews.

Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (Leicestershire won toss): Lancashire (2pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells c Hegg b Austin	7
*N E Briers c Fairbrother b Yates	28
W J Cronje c Fairbrother b Martin	158
J J Whitaker c Gallian b Austin	88
P E Robinson not out	17
B F Smith c Watkinson b Martin	3
G J Parsons not out	1
Extras (lb 7, w 3)	10
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	312

†P Whitticase, A R K Pierson, A D Mullally and D J Millns did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-103, 3-278, 4-303, 5-310.

BOWLING. Martin 11-2-48-2, Austin 11-1-49-2, Chapple 11-0-72-0, Watkinson 9-0-55-0, Yates 9-0-44-1; Gallian 4-0-37-0

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton b Cronje	71
J E R Gallian c Whitticase b Millns	11
J P Crawley c Robinson b Wells	89
N H Fairbrother c Smith b Cronje	44
G D Lloyd not out	81
*M Watkinson lbw b Parsons	0
I D Austin not out	16
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	6
Total (5 wkts, 54.3 overs)	318

†W K Hegg, G Chapple, G Yates and P J Martin did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-25, 2-149, 3-200, 4-201, 5-282.

BOWLING: Mullally 11-1-45-0, Millns 9-0-46-1, Cronje 11-0-63-2, Parsons 10.3-0-65-1; Wells 10-0-75-1; Pierson 3-0-19-0

Gold award: W J Cronje (Leics).

Umpires: J D Bond and K J Lyons

Minor Counties v Nottinghamshire

LEEK (Nottinghamshire won toss) Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Minor Counties by nine wickets

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean b Lewis	0
R J Evans c French b Lewis	8
M J Roberts c French b Lewis	0
L Potter c Dowman b Mike	28
*I Cockbain lbw b Cairns	34
S D Myles run out	7
†M I Humphries lbw b Evans	13
P G Newman b Evans	13
R A Evans c French b Evans	0
K A Arnold b Evans	0
M Sharp not out	1
Extras (lb 2, w 4, nb 4)	10
Total (53.2 overs)	114

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-4, 3-20, 4-49, 5-84, 6-86, 7-107, 8-107, 9-111

BOWLING: Lewis 6-1-11-3; Evans 9.2-2-19-4; Cairns 10-1-26-1; Pick 8-1-11-0; Mike 11-6-18-1, Afford 11-3-27-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard b Potter	52
*R T Robinson not out	52
P Johnson not out	4
Extras (lb 2, w 5)	7
Total (1 wkt, 38.5 overs)	115

M P Dowman, C L Cairns, C C Lewis, †B N French, K P Evans, G W Mike, R A Pick and J A Afford did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92.

BOWLING. Newman 9-0-34-0, Arnold 6-1-30-0, R A Evans 9-2-22-0; Sharp 7-2-11-0; Potter 7.5-2-16-1

Gold award: K P Evans (Notts).

Umpires: J H Harris and P Willey.

Scotland v Derbyshire

TITWOOD (Derbyshire won toss). Derbyshire beat Scotland by 46 runs

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett c Love b Thomson	40
A S Rollins c Haggo b Steindl	9
C J Adams c Haggo b Steindl	12
D J Cullinan not out	101
T J G O'Gorman lbw b Steindl	16
D G Cork b Marshall	12
P A J DeFreitas c Stanger b Marshall	0
C M Wells not out	3
Extras (lb 8, w 11, nb 8)	27
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	220

†K M Krikken, A E Warner and D E Malcolm did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-52, 3-94, 4-166, 5-190, 6-190.

BOWLING: Marshall 11-2-35-2; Stanger 11-1-64-0; Steindl 11-0-43-3; Thomson 11-0-32-1, Govan 11-0-38-0.

SCOTLAND

S T Crawley c DeFreitas b Malcolm	34
A C Storie b Warner	2
G N Reifer lbw b Warner	10
M J Smith lbw b Cork	0
*J D Love lbw b DeFreitas	35
M D Marshall c O'Gorman b Malcolm	36
I M Stanger c Rollins b Malcolm	27
J W Govan c Krikken b Cork	2
†D J Haggo lbw b Malcolm	2
P D Steindl not out	14
K Thomson b DeFreitas	0
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 2)	12
Total (53 overs)	174

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-29, 3-38, 4-59, 5-113, 6-137, 7-143, 8-146, 9-172

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-2-22-2; Warner 11-4-26-2; Cork 11-0-43-2; Barnett 6-2-21-0, Wells 5-0-22-0, Malcolm 10-0-34-4.

Gold award: D J Cullinan (Derbyshire)

Umpires: B Dudleston and A G T Whitehead

Sussex v Ireland

HOVE (Ireland won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Ireland by 63 runs

SUSSEX

†C W J Athey lbw b Harrison	42
J W Hall c Graham b Butler	59
K Greenfield c Curry b Harrison	21
*A P Wells lbw b Hoey	15
N J Lenham not out	49
F D Stephenson c Warke b Butler	5
C C Remy c Lewis b Butler	7
I D K Salisbury c Rea b Patterson	1
P W Jarvis c Benson b Patterson	8
J Lewry not out	14
Extras (lb 8, w 26, nb 6)	40
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	261

E S H Giddins did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-120, 3-146, 4-174, 5-185, 6-208, 7-214, 8-228.

BOWLING: Butler 11-0-53-3; Patterson 10-1-51-2; Graham 11-1-44-0; Harrison 11-0-34-2; Hoey 10-1-59-1; Curry 2-0-12-0.

IRELAND

S J S Warke b Jarvis	29
M P Rea c Hall b Giddins	73
*D A Lewis lbw b Jarvis	0
J D R Benson lbw b Salisbury	26
J D Curry lbw b Jarvis	20
G D Harrison b Stephenson	7
U Graham b Stephenson	0
M Patterson st Athey b Salisbury	9
†B R Millar lbw b Stephenson	0
C J Hoey not out	4
O F X Butler not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 16, nb 2)	27
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-58, 3-123, 4-151, 5-169, 6-172, 7-177, 8-177, 9-192.

BOWLING: Giddins 11-0-32-1; Stephenson 11-2-29-3; Jarvis 11-2-39-3; Remy 5-0-16-0; Lewry 5-0-25-0; Salisbury 9-0-40-2; Greenfield 3-0-8-0.

Gold award. M P Rea (Ireland).

Umpires: B Leadbeater and P B Wight.

Warwickshire v Durham

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Durham by 91 runs

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles lbw b Brown	18
N V Knight c Scott b Wood	91
D P Ostler c Longley b Wood	13
R G Twose c Larkins b Prabhakar	90
T L Penney c Scott b Wood	9
*D A Reeve not out	28
G Welch lbw b Prabhakar	8
†M Burns c Scott b Brown	0
N M K Smith not out	10
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 7, nb 6)	18
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	285

G C Small and A A Donald did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-55, 3-182, 4-207, 5-253, 6-267, 7-268.

BOWLING: Brown 11-2-48-2, Prabhakar 11-0-62-2; Walker 11-1-51-0; Wood 11-0-50-3; Boiling 6-0-46-0; Saxelby 5-0-25-0

DURHAM

*M A Roseberry lbw b Small	5
W Larkins run out	27
M Prabhakar c Ostler b Reeve	8
J E Morris c and b Reeve	62
J I Longley hit wicket b Twose	35
M Saxelby c Burns b Welch	2
†C W Scott c Reeve b Small	6
J Wood c Twose b Donald	4
J Boiling c Smith b Reeve	2
S J E Brown c Burns b Reeve	12
A Walker not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 13, nb 6)	27
Total (47.3 overs)	194

FALL OF WICKETS 1-40, 2-48, 3-60, 4-131, 5-141, 6-157, 7-175, 8-176, 9-189

BOWLING Donald 9-0-45-1; Small 11-1-24-2; Reeve 9.3-1-37-4; Smith 6-0-33-0; Welch 9-1-24-1, Twose 3-0-23-1.

Gold award. N V Knight (Warwicks)

Umpires T E Jesty and G Sharp

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton (King's College) Somerset 300-9 dec (J Hallet 78; J D Lewry 4-49) and 101-0; Sussex 208-7 dec (K Newell 58, J A North 81) and 99-7. Match drawn. Leicester: Leicestershire 322-8d ec and 7-2; Kent 301-8 dec (N J Llong 66, Thomson 67)

COURAGE FIRST XV

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORE

In a low scoring week, Hogans Heroes' 743 rated points made them worthy winners of the weekly prize. Their selector, Mr P Jones of Tamworth, wins two cases of Courage Best and a fully installed BT satellite system while his nominated club, Moseley, win five cases of Courage beer, a Courage England shirt and a signed rugby ball which no doubt they will raffle.

M L Jones of Sheffield, and his team Morganbeaters now lead the competition covering the second half of the season – but by just one point from Mr S Smith of Southampton.

With the last league week looming, the main competition is still wide open with just 255 points covering the top six – although Mr Hyland has increased his lead slightly over Major McCubbin and Mr Blake, and will be crossing his fingers that players such as Green of Saracens and Eves of Bristol score again for him next week.

THE LEADING 50 ENTRIES OVERALL

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Fish City XV	Mr P Hyland	249	5381
2 Amo Fidelis	Maj A McCubbin	325	5303
3 Who Are The Five	Mr Steve Blake	36	5254
4 [illegible]	Mr B Brook	235	5172
5 Masters Meander	[illegible]	265	5167
6 Sexy Superstars	[illegible]	140	5106
7 Wellsway Fifteen	[illegible]	360	4956
8 Grand Slam Flair	Mr A E Jones	360	4845
9 Baby In Waiting	Mr Gary Pleace	140	4818
10 The Vice Squad	Mr A J Pink	435	4757
11 Woodstock First	Mr T C Joy	[illegible]	4694
12 [illegible]	[illegible]	282	4685
13 Super Side Steps	[illegible]	283	4658
14 [illegible]	[illegible]	0	4646
15 [illegible]	[illegible]	0	4646
16 Windsor's XV	Mr W Roberts	125	4621
17 Price Warriors	J Richards	265	4615
18 Tappers XV	P Bowling	0	4614
19 [illegible]	Mr C Mathew	382	4595
20 [illegible]	F Bell	168	4577
21 No team name	[illegible]	303	4572
22 No team name	[illegible]	471	4565
23 [illegible]	[illegible]	205	4557
24 The Welsh [illegible]	[illegible]	215	4551
25 Bath In Disguise	[illegible]	272	4540
26 Storming Normans	Mr Duncan Cross	295	4537
27 [illegible]	GR French	195	4518
28 Wing Threequarter	RW Muir	208	4509
29 No team name	Mr LR Green	385	4491
30 Pyle Pirates	Mr CL Barclay	100	4491
31 No team name	DM Davies	36	4468
32 No team name	Mr Bruce Miller	192	4463
33 Black Fabbed	Mr Alexandra Kemp	487	4458
34 Rugby Specials	Mr B Corless	65	4456
35 [illegible]	Mr SAW Jones	256	4446
36 Dribblings	Mr M Dickson	283	4448
37 Wasp Swaps	Mr D Stratton-Thomsett	367	4441
38 Ade R F C	Mr A Hunt	330	4430
39 [illegible]	Mr H Cook	192	4421
40 Male Flying XV	Mr M Horton	100	4416
41 Village Idiots	Mr P Proud	303	4406
42 LJ Wanderers	Mr Christopher Jones	270	4405
43 Linden	Mr A Newbold	0	4403
44 Pete's Perfecto	Mr PR Burke	492	4403
45 Simons Pie Men	Dr S Rowles	0	4401
46 Levy's Turkey	Ms K Brown	0	4391
47 Stan's Giants	Mr Patrick [illegible]	240	4386
48 Dirty [illegible]	Mr C Hall	203	4379
49 [illegible]	Mrs Farida McFarland	136	4377
50 Whistlers	Mr GF Harries	332	4376

THE LEADING 30 FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

1 Morganbeaters	ML Jones	295	2913
2 [illegible]	Mr Steve Smith	395	2912
3 Whist	[illegible]	340	2885
4 Hutchinsons 2nd X	D Hutchinson	140	2862
5 Fluffy 15	Mr Richard Hamer	695	2840
6 [illegible]	Mr Mick Nicholas	0	2781
7 The Army 2	Mr A Charles	520	2760
8 Amalgamated [illegible]	Mr D Rae	295	2742
9 Cool And Rugby	D Rae	195	2739
10 [illegible]	ML Jones	91	2736
11 Crazy 2	[illegible]	495	2679
12 Coalfield	A Poole	295	2666
13 [illegible]	St Roberts	440	2652
14 [illegible]	[illegible] P Smith	91	2644
15 [illegible]	Mr P White	422	2604
16 Highbury Casuals	CJ Ormandy	295	2585
17 Maniacs II	Mr MJ Stoner	280	2584
18 Hursley Tigers	Mr R Cruse	140	2569
19 Abbeys Angels	S McCormack	331	2553
20 No team name	Mrs CAV Sherman	340	2546
21 Travellers	Miss GT Williams	295	2544
22 The Fat Boys	D Spencer	140	2539
23 Saints	Mrs J Etherton	140	2539
24 Change	Mr A Sillitoe	240	2536
25 [illegible]	J Jenkins	616	2521
26 Saracens C B C	C Olney	257	2497
27 Ty Coch Devils	DG Shepherd	140	2494
28 Dijon2	DJ Ingall	435	2484
29 Kate's Crusaders	Mr A Kemp	454	2456
30 Chocoholics	J Cawthorne	395	2439

NOTES:

1. The 15 new players with code numbers of 301 and above are in the second-half game only.

2. Any queries relating to any aspect of The Times Courage First XV should be addressed to the organisers at PO Box 606, Luton, LU2 0NZ, phone 0582-457444.

3. It has come to light that Newcastle Gosforth's M Corry scored a try in the match against Saracens on April 15 for which he was not credited. Rugby journalists and results bureaux alike were deceived by the fact that Corry and fellow flanker Whitcroft had swapped shirts – and thanks are due to the vigilant spectator who brought it to our attention. With the scores now adjusted, the main beneficiary is, Mrs S Blake, one of the top contenders for the first prize, to whom the extra 100 rated points could prove crucial.

THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1			8	284	124
1 J CALLARD	2K	0	0	55	0
2 P HULL	11	0	0	340	96
3 M MAPLETOFT	4K	0	0	0	0
4 D PEARS	15	0	0	85	85
5 W KILFORD	17	0	0	120	65
6 I HUNTER	13	5	90	144	144
7 S [illegible]	18	0	0	264	195
8 J MALLINDER	13	0	0	0	0
9 A BUZZA	17	0	0	324	12
10 K OLIPHANT	8K	0			
LEAGUE 2		0	0	0	0
11 R GEE	15	0	0	455	115
12 A PARKER	8K	0	0	380	95
13 R HENNESSY	19	0	0	240	0
14 D MILLARD	16	0	0	65	0
15 C DOSSETT	17	0	0	1115	510
16 S MASON	6K	0	0	644	210
17 M GALLAGHER	7K	13	82	840	240
18 A TUNNINGLEY	4K	11	25	1035	530
19 M JACKSON	5K	12	48	616	264
20 S SWINDELLS	4K				
14. RIGHT WING				200	50
21 A SWIFT	10	0	0	180	120
22 D JOHN	12	0	0	360	280
23 P HOLFORD	14	0	0	90	0
24 J KEYTER	16	0	0	200	50
25 T UNDERWOOD	10	0	0	75	75
26 H THORNEYCROFT	18	0	0	120	60
27 J NAYLOR	12	0	0	106	0
28 S VERNICKAS	7	0	0	330	220
29 P HOPLEY	11	0	0	180	120
30 O EVANS	12	0	60	0	0
31 B EVANS	14	0	0	225	90
32 [illegible]	9K	0	35	882	162
33 M CORCORAN	6K	0	0	0	0
34 T WATSON	10	0	0	90	80
35 D HANSON	12	0	0	65	0
36 D CASADO	13	0	0	0	0
37 R BYROM	14	0	0	0	0
38 M KEMP	16	0	0	185	0
39 K MORLEY	13	0	0	0	0
40 G MEREDITH	14	0	0	0	0
301 S BARDEN	13	0	0	120	120
302 D PAYNE	12				
13. OUTSIDE CENTRE				195	65
41 P DE GLANVILLE	13	0	0	0	0
42 A SAVERIMUTTO	9	0	0	5	0
43 S MASLEN	17	0	0	240	0
44 G THOMPSON	16	0	0	0	0
45 I BATES	17	0	0	0	0
46 K MORGAN	15	0	0	511	224
47 S LANGFORD	7K	0	0	255	65
48 J BAXENDELL	17	0	0	420	0
49 D HOPLEY	14	0	0	330	220
50 A [illegible]	22	0	0	0	0
303 D EDWARDS	17	0	0	0	0
51 M CURTIS	23	0	0	0	0
52 P SEED	19	0	0	570	95
53 R HENDERSON	16	0	0	115	115
54 M SLY	23	0	0	0	0
55 J [illegible]	20	0	0	280	0
56 R WILKINSON	13	0	0	330	0
57 A PURLEY	22	0	0	270	90
58 J BUCKTON	15	0	0	110	0
59 A METCALFE	22	0	0	115	0
60 A NORTHEY	22				
12. INSIDE CENTRE		5	55	50	50
61 J GUSCOTT	10	0	0	0	0
62 R [illegible]	13	0	0	380	0
63 S MORRIS	18	0	0	60	0
64 W CARLING	12	0	0	0	0
65 S POTTER	13	0	0	0	0
66 N BEAL	8	10	140	490	210
67 I WYNN	14	5	65	425	255
68 G STOCKS	17	0	0	330	60
69 G CHILDS	16	5	0	375	75
70 P HODDER	16	0	0	132	0
71 M LAKEY	12	5	51	512	227
72 S [illegible]	17	0	0	0	0
73 E BURNS	14	0	0	125	75
74 R ERICKSON	15	0	0	271	257
75 A KERR	7K	0	0	100	100
76 M TETLOW	20	0	0	215	105
77 B MUSTO	21	0	0		
78 S RAVENSCROFT	19	0	0	0	0
79 P WHITE	20	0	0	300	300
80 A HARDLEY	13	0	0	0	0
11. LEFT WING					
81 S GEOGHEGAN	10	0	0	160	100
82 S CROSSLAND	12	0	0	0	0
83 T SMITH	8K	0	0	120	45
84 D O'LEARY	7	0	0	30	0
85 R UNDERWOOD	11	0	0	165	165
86 C MOIR	14	0	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	13	0	0	160	104
88 M APPLESON	16	0	0	160	0
89 S HUNTER	14	0	0	140	0
90 D COOKE	14	0	0	140	70
91 D WOODMAN	11	0	0	0	0
92 G ANDERTON	15	5	75	375	225
93 V ROLANDI	12	0	0	0	0
94 S WICHARY	9	0	0	171	0
95 E ANDERSON	14	0	0	140	140
96 T PENN	12	0	0	360	180
97 A SMALLWOOD	9	0	0	135	90
98 P HARRIES	12	0	0	360	120
99 R THOMPSON	13	0	0	485	260
100 S GREENHALGH	16	0	0	80	80
304 D POWIS	14	0	0	0	0
305 N ROBINSON	14	0	0	0	0
10. STAND OFF			0	300	50
101 M CATT	10	0	4	395	140
102 M TAINTON	2K	2	80	350	310
103 L OSBORNE	10	9	63	721	364
104 P CHALLINOR	7K	9	12	355	124
105 J HARRIS	2K	0	42	843	219
106 P GRAYSON	3K	14	108	294	228
107 G AINSCOUGH	6K	18	0	278	93
108 P TURNER	3K	0	16	248	82
109 R ANDREW	2K	8	0	50	0
110 J STABLER	6K	0	0	450	190
111 R ANGELL	6K	5	0	690	367
112 I BARCLAY	17	0	0	572	506
113 O COBBE	22	0	0	370	75
114 M WALKER	8K	0	30	695	245
115 S HODGKINSON	5K	5	0	45	0
116 I CHANDLER	2K	0	0	36	35
117 N CARROLL	12	0	0	415	117
118 A LEE	13	0	0	80	0
119 R PETYT	10	0	0	730	264
120 N RYAN	34	0	0		
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 I SANDERS	18	0	0	80	0
122 K BRACKEN	13	0	0	0	0
123 B FENLEY	15	0	0	0	0
124 R KITCHEN	18	0	0	80	80
125 A KARDOONI	19	0	0	85	0
126 M DAWSON	16	0	0	240	160
127 D MORRIS	12	0	80	180	120
128 C SAVERIMUTTO	22	0	0	0	0
129 S BATES	18	0	0	80	80
130 J WRIGLEY	14	0	0	0	0
131 M DOUGLAS	22	0	0	560	0
132 C O'TOOLE	23	0	0	115	0
133 R SAUNDERS	19	0	0	95	0
134 K TROUP	23	0	0	483	0
135 G BECCONSALL	20	0	0	100	100
136 S DOUGLAS	14	0	0	140	140
137 A ROYER	34	0	0	0	0
138 B DAVIES	15	0	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	15	0	0	208	80
140 S WRIGHT	25	0	0	578	450
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	33	0	0	0	0
142 A SHARP	41	0	0	0	0
143 A WINDO	30	0	0	0	0
144 J LEONARD	35	0	0	0	0
145 G ROWNTREE	37	0	0	0	0
146 M HYNES	40	0	0	114	0
147 P WINSTANLEY	39	0	0	0	0
148 P SMITH	46	0	0	0	0
149 G HOLMES	37	0	0	0	0
150 P LANCASTER	44	0	0	0	0
151 G [illegible]	46	0	0	0	0
152 C BURNS	44	0	0	0	0
153 N DONOVAN	33	0	0	0	0
154 A STEWART	45	0	0	180	0
155 M LINNETT	30	0	0	0	0
156 M FRASER	38	0	0	0	0
157 M FREER	46	0	0	0	0
158 B ANDREWS	37	0	0	0	0
159 R SZABO	38	0	0	0	0
160 S PETERS	39	0	0	0	0
306 F WISEMAN	44	0	0	0	0
307 R FULLER	35	0	0	0	0
2. HOOKERS					
161 G DAWE	34	0	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	40	0	0	200	0
163 D KEARSEY	38	0	0	0	0
164 B MOORE	35	0	0	175	0
165 R COCKERILL	38	0	0	0	0
166 A CLARKE	40	0	0	0	0
167 T REDMOND	39	0	0	0	0
168 S DIAMOND	33	0	0	0	0
169 K DUNN	38	0	0	0	0
170 S MITCHELL	31	0	0	0	0
171 D ADDLETON	46	0	0	0	0
172 A MOFFAT	47	0	0	0	0
173 R KELLAM	39	0	0	0	0
174 L MAIR	42	0	0	0	0
175 D BALL	36	0	0	486	330
176 A HETHERINGTON	33	0	0	420	280
177 D WEST	28	0	0	205	205
178 G BOTTERMAN	41	0	0	370	195
179 T GARNETT	37	0	0	0	0
180 M HAYTON	46	0	0	0	0
308 M DIXON	35	0	0	0	0
3. TIGHT HEAD PROP					
181 V UBOGU	20	0	0	100	100
182 D HINKINS	41	0	0	0	0
183 A DEACON	32	0	0	0	0
184 A MULLINS	36	0	0	0	0
185 D GARFORTH	35	0	0	0	0
186 C ALLEN	40	0	0	0	0
187 J CUNDICK	44	0	0	0	0
188 A SMITH	40	0	0	185	0
189 I DUNSTAN	37	0	0	0	0
190 D RUSBY	46	0	0	0	0
191 R HARDWICK	39	0	0	0	0
192 S RIGBY	40	0	0	180	0
193 G HALPIN	36	0	0	0	0
194 P BURNELL	42	0	0	0	0
195 N WEBBER	45	0	0	330	160
196 P VANZANDVLIET	32	0	0	0	0
197 A JACKSON	38	0	0	190	190
198 S WILSON	38	0	0	0	0
199 S [illegible]	30	0	0	0	0
200 M BECKETT	36				
4. LOCK RH					
201 N REDMAN	30	0	0	0	0
202 S SHAW	37	0	0	0	0
203 R WEST	41	0	0	0	0
204 A SNOW	30	0	0	320	0
205 M JOHNSON	32	0	0	0	0
206 N EDWARDS	36	0	0	0	0
207 C COOPER	37	0	0	185	0
208 D BALDWIN	31	0	0	350	175
209 R KINSEY	35	0	0	0	0
210 J DIXON	34	0	0	0	0
211 J HYDE	45	0	0	0	0
212 P O'NEIL	46	0	0	210	210
213 C HALL	42	0	0	0	0
214 A [illegible]	40	0	0	0	0
215 G WATSON	38	0	0	0	0
216 J FOWLER	40	0	0	0	0
217 D HINDMARCH	45	0	0	0	0
218 M LANGLEY	43	5	215	215	215
219 S CROFT	40	0	0	240	0
220 P WHITE	48	0	0		
5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	38	0	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	35	0	0	360	180
223 D SIMS	36	0	0	0	0
224 S DAVISON	40	0	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	34	0	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	32	0	0	0	0
227 C [illegible]	40	0	0	0	0
228 R McCARTNEY	38	0	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	32	0	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	45	0	0	320	320
309 J FOWLER	32	0	0	0	0
231 R MACKIE	37	0	0	0	0
232 J TAYLOR	36	0	0	180	0
233 A HIGGINS	38	0	0	0	0
234 R SCOTT	40	0	0	0	0
235 S LLOYD	38	0	0	400	0
236 G ARCHER	40	0	210	210	210
237 C GRAY	42	0	0	0	0
238 M BURROW	44	0	0	220	230
239 D FALKINGHAM	45	0	0	240	240
240 N ALLOTT	48	0	0	0	0
310 M BRIGHT	38	0	0	0	0

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER		0	0	0	0
241 S OJOMOH	21	0	0	120	0
242 I PATTEN	24	0	0	0	0
243 P GLANVILLE	27	0	0	0	0
244 T COKER	25	0	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	24	0	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	22	0	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	29	0	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	18	0	0	270	135
249 M GREENWOOD	27	0	0	185	185
250 D MITCHELL	33	0	0	0	0
251 L CROFTS	34	0	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	34	0	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	29	0	0	160	0
254 I MORRISON	32	0	0	145	0
255 R POLL	29	0	0	400	200
256 M CORRY	20	0	0	0	0
257 N BERRY	30	5	140	980	580
258 J GREEN	28	0	0	160	0
259 P STEWART	32	0	0	0	0
260 D BLYTH	24	0	0	120	120
311 P IRONS	24	0	0	0	0
312 D WRIGHT	25				
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	23	0	0	230	0
262 D EVES	20	5	100	800	100
263 I SMITH	28	0	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	27	0	0	0	0
265 N BACK	13	0	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	29	0	0	0	0
267 S BIBBY	25	0	0	450	150
268 N ASHURST	30	0	0	675	270
269 L DALLAGLIO	27	0	0	435	290
270 A BROWN	29	0	0	160	0
271 J HORROBIN	32	0	0	330	165
272 I ASHTON	33	5	145	145	145
273 P NEARY	29	0	0	0	0
274 I DIXON	30	0	0	0	0
275 M ORD	25	0	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	25	0	0	0	0
277 G REES	33	5	80	240	240
278 R HILL	16	0	0	0	0
279 J GRIFFITHS	34	0	0	498	185
280 P BUCKTON	33	0	0	0	0
313 B ROBINSON	24				
8. NO 8					
281 B CLARKE	14	0	0	70	0
282 C BARROW	21	0	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	22	0	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	20	5	100	300	100
285 D RICHARDS	16	0	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	16	0	0	160	80
287 D CLEARY	15	0	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	22	0	0	440	0
289 D RYAN	18	0	0	95	0
290 M WATSON	20	0	0	300	0
291 K HICKEY	18	0	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	21	0	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	17	0	0	255	255
294 D LECKIE	22	0	0	0	0
295 W HART	23	0	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	15	0	0	270	180
297 M BRADLEY	15	0	0	80	0
298 A DIPROSE	18	0	0	380	190
299 M SOWERBY	27	0	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	29	0	0	145	0
314 R WAINWRIGHT	14	0	0	0	0
315 S OWEN	21	0	0	210	210

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Patched-up pitch an added hazard for Wales

Klinsmann: undecided

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON
IN DÜSSELDORF

WHEN the Welsh players arrived at the Rheinstadion here on Monday evening, for training in preparation for their European championship qualifying tie against Germany tonight, they were greeted by an astonishing sight. The pitch for this group seven match resembled a building site, with a small army of labourers busy returfing a 400 square-metre section around the middle of the playing area.

Mike Smith, the Wales manager, was dumbfounded; Berti Vogts, the Germany manager, was livid; and Thomas Schnelker, a spokesman for the German Football Federation, was embarrassed. "I could hardly believe what I saw," Smith said. "The surface had been destroyed and they were trying to replace it. We ended up training in a park opposite the stadium, which was nothing more than a rough area with people jogging around it. It was very disappointing, and if Berti hadn't gone bananas, I think I might have."

The problem had been caused by the match between Rhein Fire and Barcelona Dragons in the World League of American Football (WLAF) on Sunday. "Logos had been sprayed and then rolled onto the pitch and it appears the job was done too well," Schnelker explained. "The turf had to be dug up and replaced in many, many parts. Berti was not pleased and, of course, it is embarrassing for the German Federation. I was amazed that Mike Smith took it with such remarkable equanimity."

Smith is familiar with setbacks — Wales, bottom of group seven, have lost their last four European qualifiers — but he detects signs of a revival. Although Wales lost 3-1 to Bulgaria in Sofia last month and have little chance of reaching the finals, the display, if not the result, was at least encouraging. "The younger players are at last beginning to settle in," he said. "We are not as bad as the statistics suggest."

Ian Rush and Mark Hughes replace John Hartson and Ryan Giggs, who has a hamstring strain, in the only changes from Sofia, but Germany will be without Lothar Matthäus, Matheus Sammer, Jürgen Kohler and Thomas Helmer, who are injured, and Andreas Möller, who is suspended. "It will be a tough game," Vogts said. "Wales have been disappointing recently, but that will make them even more dangerous."

Jürgen Klinsman, the Tottenham Hotspur forward, will lead the Germany attack amid increased speculation that he will be leaving White Hart Lane for Bayern Munich during the summer. "There are many things for me to consider," he said yesterday. "I need time and there is no hurry, no secrets. I have always done things in an open, honest style and I will do so again."

WALES (probable 4-4-2): N Southall (Everton) — D Phillips (Nottingham Forest), K Symons (Portsmouth), C Coleman (Crystal Palace), M Bowen (Norwich City) — D Saunders (Aston Villa), V Jones (Wimbledon), B Horne (Everton), G Speed (Leeds United) — M Hughes (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool).

Ireland opt for return to football's route one

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

IT HAS become common for Ireland to modify their long-ball game recently, but this evening, when they meet Portugal in Dublin in their European championship group six qualifying match, they are going back to basics to counter one of the most technically accomplished sides in Europe.

To his chagrin, Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, has not seen Portugal since Ireland beat them in Boston three years ago. A young, exciting side who lead group six, the Portuguese are likely to provide more formidable opposition this time and Charlton confesses that not seeing them beforehand concerns him.

In times of doubt, managers revert to the tried and trusted and Charlton has thus recalled Ray Houghton and John Aldridge and reverted to a 4-4-2 formation. In recent games, Ireland had attempted to exploit the quality of their midfield by softening their direct style, but that is being abandoned. Instead, Ireland will offer a mixture of hard work and long balls aimed at the head of Niall Quinn.

"You know my philosophy," Charlton said. "Why take 30 passes when you can get there in one? If we get the ball up to Quinn early, it quickens the game up and puts the other side under pressure."

Upping the pace will be fundamental to Ireland's game and they will try to counter the skills of the talented Portuguese midfield by the unremitting challenge that made Lansdowne Road so uncomfortable for Hungary, Spain and other continental visitors in Charlton's early days.

"We'll be charging around as we normally do and hopefully they won't find it so easy," Andy Townsend, the Ireland captain, said. "If we stand off and admire them, they love that slower tempo to the game, but they won't get that here."

How Portugal cope may determine the outcome. "We are worried about their style, but we are mainly concerned because they are a very good team with very good players," Antonio Oliveira, the Portugal manager, said yesterday.

Oliveira has presided over the Portuguese revival based on a youth structure which has made the under-16 and under-18 teams the European champions and has taken the under-20 team to Qatar this week for a world championship semi-final.

The senior squad is also full of emerging talent, including João Pinto, the Benfica goalscorer, and Paulo Sousa, the midfield playmaker from Juventus, in a team with an average age of 23.

Against that, Ireland's recall of Houghton and Aldridge looks a retrograde step and is hard on David Kelly in particular, but Charlton insisted: "David's running and movement against Northern Ireland was fine, but he didn't threaten a goal. If you need a goalscorer there is no one better than Aldo."

IRELAND (4-4-2): A Kelly (Sheffield United) — G Kelly (Leeds), P McGrath (Aston Villa), P Babb (Liverpool), D Irwin (Manchester United) — R Houghton (Crystal Palace), A Townsend (Aston Villa), J Sheridan (Sheffield Wednesday), S Staunton (Aston Villa) — N Quinn (Manchester City), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers).

Trevor Sinclair enhanced his England ambitions by scoring a late winner for the Under-21 side against Latvia in Riga last night. The Queen's Park Rangers winger seized on a header by Andy Booth after 80 minutes to net his fifth goal on his twelfth Under-21 appearance. The 1-0 win left Dave Sexton's team in pole position in their European championship qualifying group.

Ambitious Nevin turns sights towards top flight

Kevin McCarra talks to a Scot urging his club towards bigger things in England as attention turns to Europe

Indignation is a good motive. The Scotland party may have come to the soothing grandeur of a hotel in Rimini, before the European championship tie with San Marino this evening, but Pat Nevin is not mollified. Tranmere Rovers, his club, despite two recent defeats, are in the struggle to climb out of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division and the winger is still thinking of the need to win points to prove a point.

Attitudes in English football could be termed as being of the school of F Scott Fitzgerald. "The rich," the writer remarked, "are different." It is now the custom to regard a handful of leading Premiership sides with the same awe. The affluent are revered for their wealth. By the same token, Tranmere Rovers and their counterparts are no longer met with avuncular warmth. To the aspiring power brokers, they are just a penurious nuisance.

For Nevin, promotion would be a riposte to that culture of contempt. "These days," he said, "people are often snide about the first division, but I think they have some nerve. Bolton Wanderers and ourselves have put together attractive teams for less than other people spend on a left back.

"The Tranmere Rovers side cost just over a million and last year alone we sold Steve Vickers and Ian Nolan for more than that. Is everyone just going to sneer at the first division or will they admire the way it keeps producing players?"

Nevin has a tart response to the suggestion that there are no outstanding sides among the leading clubs there. "If that is true, then it is some indictment of football as a whole because one of them was in the Coca-Cola Cup Final against Liverpool."

Nevin's value to Scotland is undiminished since his move to the first division

The sense of solidarity with Bolton and others like them does not blind Nevin to the need to escape their company. He is too smart to be sentimental. "The gap," he admitted, "is growing and there isn't a lot of time left. The gravy train is pulling out of the station and Tranmere are still running along the platform."

If, after two previous failures in the play-offs, they can hurl themselves into the guard's van this time, Nevin believes that the journey will prove worthwhile.

"There would," he argued, "be an opportunity to invest. The finances have as much to do with the gates we would get for visits by clubs based near at hand — like Liverpool, Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United — as they do with Tranmere's own size."

Nevin is never trite. But one senses a desire to see his employers rewarded for the satisfaction they have given him.

He had become marginal to Everton's needs before moving to Prenton Park in 1992 and stepping down a division raised his enjoyment of football again.

Nevin still found himself taken entirely seriously by his country after the transfer and has since scored all four of his goals for Scotland. He will play on the right this evening at a homely ground preposterously styled *Stadio Olympico di Serravalle.*

Nevin's waif physique has led to him being considered solely as an old-fashioned, tricky winger. The cliché is irksome. "I don't often go on mazy runs," he said, "because they are not wanted."

Indeed, Craig Brown, the Scotland coach and once Nevin's manager at Clyde, expects him to lure San Marino defenders in and then swiftly to bypass them with a cross to John McGinlay or Duncan Shearer. The team has been warned against being overly fastidious against a country whose record of defeats in the 22 competitive matches of their brief history is unsullied by even a draw.

SCOTLAND (probable 3-4-3): J Leighton (Hibernian) — A McLaren (Rangers), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), C Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur) — D Jackson (Hibernian), G McAllister (Leeds United), J Collins (Celtic), T Boyd (Celtic) — P Nevin (Tranmere Rovers), D Shearer (Aberdeen), J McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers).

Yeomen end a long wait

Live from Covent Garden: The Yeomen of the Guard. *Radio 3, 7.25pm.*

This is, incredibly, the first time in its long history that the Royal Opera House has opened its doors to Gilbert and Sullivan. Is it being churlish to think what a pity it is that history is being made by the Welsh National Opera and not by the D'Oyly Carte company whose links with G & S have become the stuff of legend? Why it has taken Covent Garden so long to acknowledge the existence of G & S is beyond me. Could it be that, unlike eight of the ten earlier works by G & S, the libretto of *The Yeomen* does not qualify the title with an adjective such as "comic", or "grotesque"? *The Yeomen* was introduced, purely and simply, as "an opera".

Plays for Today: Election Lives. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

When first transmitted a year ago, Matthew Solon's drama was every inch a Play for Today. It went out on the same day that South Africans went democratically to the polls for the first time, and it incorporated the latest news bulletins and the cast's reactions to them. It made a powerful impact then and it still does now. It was particularly memorable for the performance of *Juanita Ageh* as the London-domiciled wife and mother who announces that she intends to return to her mother country. On Radio 4 tomorrow, we learn what happens when she does. *Post-election Lives,* also by Solon, will be beamed by satellite to Britain from South Africa.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Early Breakfast Show **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at 1.15 music and entertainment news in The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Radio Tip Top **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Robinson **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2: featuring Scottish folk group the McCalmans **8.00** Ralph McTell Presents: The Rowan Brothers **8.30** Thinking Out Loud: Contemporary folk songs **9.00** Shifting Sands **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.15** Natural History **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck **2.05** Roscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** roundup of the day's sport **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Mesh, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf **5.45** Country) **6.00** News **6.30** Omnibus (MW only: Europe) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.00** News **8.15** Fourth Estate **8.30** Discovery **9.00** News (MW only: News in German **9.10** Words of Faith (MW only: News in German) **9.15** Drama: Oliver Twist **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News and Business (MW only: News in German) **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Composer of the Month **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Discovery **5.00** News **5.15** United Nations **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News and Business **6.15** From Our Own Correspondent **6.30** The World Today **6.45** Sport (MW only: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Music **8.00** News **9.00** Europe Today **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Multitrack X-Press **11.00** News **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Telltale Tunes **Midnight** News **12.10am** Pop **12.15** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain **2.00** News and Press **2.15** Ideas **2.35** Emblems **2.45** Farming **3.00** News **3.30** Sport **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Assignment

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Jerry Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: A Power on the Ground: Adult Education in Ireland
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Schubert (Moments musicaux: in F minor; in C sharp minor; Berlioz (Overture: Les francs-juges); 7.35 Debussy (Nocturnes); 8.05 Arnold (Overture: Beckus the Dandipratt); Grieg (A Swan, Op 25, No 2; With a Waterlily, Op 25, No 4); Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 1 in G minor). Presented by Andrew McGregor
9.00 Composer of the Week: Stravinsky (Octet; Renard; Divertimento, Le baiser de la fée)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Sullivan (Overture: HMS Pinafore); Bridge (Suite: The Sea); Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E flat); 11.00 Schubert (Piano Sonata in C); Smetana (Sarka, Ma Vlast); Bach (Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C)
12.00 Music Restored: Andrew Manze introduces another programme from last year's Holland Early Music Festival. Concerto Italiano under Rinaldo Alessandrini performs madrigals by Lassus (r)
1.00pm News; Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: live from Studio One. Thomas Adès, piano. Soler (Fandango in D minor); Nancarrow (Two Canons for Ursula); Seeisl (Hispania)
2.00 Schools: Together: An Assembly for Schools 2.20 Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Stop . . . Danger . . . Go! 2.40 Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice, with Sue Sharpe, including Nanino (Haec Dies); Nielsen (Overture: Love and the Poet); Bach (Concerto in A minor)
4.00 Choral Evensong live from Carlisle Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson looks at 20th-century unaccompanied choral music
5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas
6.00 Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Richard Baker presents a recital by Tasmin Little, violin, and Piers Lane, piano, featuring music by Poulenc, Liszt, Ravel and Brahms
7.00 Cocktails: Featuring music from London dance bands recorded in the 1920s and 1930s including Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans (4/5)
7.25 Live from Covent Garden: See Choice. Act 1 of *The Yeomen of the Guard;* 8.45 Music Should Speak to the Heart: Patrick O'Connor exposes the underlying vein of seriousness in Sullivan's work; 9.05 Act 2
10.20 Each Morning Once More Seamless: Les Murray introduces and reads more new, unpublished poems
10.30 Scriabin Plays Scriabin
10.45 Night Waves: The use of shadows in art
11.30-12.30am Voices: Spotlight on Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. [illegible] Burnside pays tribute to the German baritone who is 70 this month
1.00-1.45 Night School: Listen and Read 1.28 Verseplay

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek: With *Times* columnist Libby Purves and birthday guest Terry Pratchett
10.00-10.30 News; Beyond the Blue Horizon (FM only): Harry Thompson recalls our blinkered perspective on the world in the inter-war years
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 When Christ Calls a Man (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets Janet Paraskeva, director of the National Youth Agency
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Eric Robson presents a listeners' postbag (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours: With Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm King Street Junior: Settling In. Comedy drama series created by Jim Eldridge (2/6) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One: With Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Plays for Today: Election Lives. See Choice
2.45 Treasure Islands: Beginning with Books with Wendy Cooling and Ian Beck
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley sees the week's film releases including the new Anthony Hopkins film, *Legends of the Fall*
4.45 Short Story: The Bishop's Wife, by Sylvia Watanabe. Read by Heather Emmanuel (r)
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Ballylenon: Fourth of a six-part comedy drama series by Christopher Fitz-Simon
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Second to None: Series looking at people who do other people's jobs (3/4) (r)
7.45 States of Mind: All in the Mind. Ghostbuster Eddie Burks tries to persuade Anthony Clare that spooks are more than just a figment of our imagination (r)
8.15 Costing the Earth: Who are the best guardians of the most fundamental of all resources — land?
8.45 The Return of Sherlock Holmes: The Six Napoleons (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed. R.C. Hutchinson's story abridged and read by Geoffrey Beevers (9/12)
11.00 The Home Front: Pictures of Britain during the Second World War culled from the diaries of the time (5/7) (r)
11.30-12.00 The Airport (FM only): More black comedy sketches (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00-12.[illegible] News [illegible] 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping [illegible] 12.48 As World Service [illegible]

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM 88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. [illegible] WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198kHz (12.45am-5.55am). CLASSIC FM: FM 100-102. VIRGIN: MW 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 29 unless stated

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Chelsea v QPR 1
2 C Palace v Nott'm F 2
3 Everton v Wimbledon 1
4 Leeds v Aston Villa 1
5 Leicester v Ipswich X
6 Man City v Newcastle 1
7 South'pton v Sheff Wed 1

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Tottenham, Coventry v Manchester United (playing on Monday), Norwich v Liverpool, West Ham v Blackburn (on Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION
8 Barnsley v Sheff Utd X
9 Bristol C v Reading 2
10 Burnley v Sunderland 2
11 Charlton v Port Vale X
12 Derby v Southend 1
13 Notts Co v Watford 2
14 Stoke v Millwall 1
15 Swindon v Portsm'th 2

Not on coupons: Grimsby v Wolves, Middlesbrough v Luton (on Sunday), Oldham v Bolton, West Brom v Tranmere (on Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
16 Birm'gham v Brighton 1
17 Brentf'd v Bourn'm'th 1
18 Cambridge v Hudd'f'd X
19 Cardiff v Bristol R 2
20 Chester v Leyton O 2
21 Hull v Wrexham 1
22 *Oxford v Swansea 1
23 Shrewsbury v Crewe X
24 Stockport v Peterboro X
25 Wycombe v Plymouth 1
26 York v Rotherham 1

Not on coupons: Bradford v Blackpool

THIRD DIVISION
27 Barnet v North'pton 1
28 Colchester v Carlisle 2
29 Darlington v Chest'f'ld X
30 Doncaster v Scarboro 1
31 Exeter v Fulham X
32 Gillingham v Hereford 1
33 Lincoln v Bury X
34 Mansfield v Torquay 1
35 Preston v Hartlepool 1
36 Rochdale v Wigan 2
37 Walsall v Scunthorpe 1

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
38 Hednesford v Leek 1
39 Solihull v VS Rugby 1
40 Sudbury v Crawley 2
41 Worcester v Rushden 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER
42 Dundee U v Hibernian 1
43 Falkirk v Celtic X
44 Hearts v Aberdeen 1
45 Kilmarnock v Partick 1
46 Rangers v Motherwell 1

SCOTTISH FIRST
47 Dunf'mline v Airdrie X
48 Hamilton v Ayr 1
49 St Johnst'ne v Raith X
50 St Mirren v Dundee X
51 Stranraer v Clydebank 2

SCOTTISH SECOND
52 Berwick v G Morton 1
53 Clyde v Sten'muir 1
54 Dumbarton v Q of Sth 1
55 East Fife v Stirling 2
56 Meadowb'k v Brechin 1

SCOTTISH THIRD
57 Alloa v Albion 1
58 Arbroath v Caledonian 1

Not on coupons: Montrose v East Stirling, Queen's Park v Forfar, Ross v Cowdenbeath

*Pools panel to adjudicate

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Leicester, Barnsley, Cambridge, Shrewsbury, Stockport, Darlington, Exeter, Lincoln, Falkirk, Dunfermline, St Johnstone, St Mirren.
BEST DRAWS: Leicester, Cambridge, Stockport, Exeter, Falkirk.
AWAYS: Reading, Watford, Leyton Orient, Carlisle, Wigan.
HOMES: Everton, Southampton, Derby, Birmingham, Hull, Wycombe, Barnet, Doncaster, Gillingham, Solihull, Rangers, Hamilton.
FIXED ODDS. Homes: Everton, Southampton, Birmingham, Barnet, Gillingham. Aways: Reading, Watford, Wigan. Draws: Cambridge, Stockport, Falkirk.

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

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BEANIE

(b) A small close-fitting hat worn off the face, popular at cocktail parties in the Thirties,from the slang *bean* meaning face. "Courageous Mrs C. wears the same beanies every year regardless of the milliners."

COROCORO

(c) A boat used in the Malayan Archipelago, = *caracore*, an adaptation of the Malay *kurakura*. cf. French *caracore*, Spanish *carracora* from which the English forms are chiefly derived. "A corocoro is a vessel generally fitted with out-riggers, with a high arched stem and stern, like the point of a half moon."

DREIKANTER

(b) An angular, faceted pebble the surface of which has been cut by wind-blown sand, especially one with three facets, from the German *drei* three + *kante* edge, cf. cant. + substantival suffix -er.

FLAITH

(a) The chief of an ancient family or *fine*, from the Irish, used in writing about Irish history. "An *aire* whose family held the same land for three generations was called a *flaith*. The rank of a *flaith* depended upon the number of his *céiles*."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qxh7+! Kxh7; 2. Rh4+ Kg7; 3. Bh6+ Kh8; 4. Bf8 mate.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

European under-21 championship
Group 6

IRELAND Kennedy 82 2,300	(0) 1	PORTUGAL Kenedy 50	(0) 1
LATVIA 1,000	(0) 0	ENGLAND Sinclair 80	(0) 1

(Andrade, Portugal, sent off 70min)

Other matches: Group 1: Poland 1 Israel 0 (in Warsaw), Azerbaijan 0 Romania 5 (in Trabzon, Turkey). Group 5: Belorussia 4 Malta 0 (in Minsk); Czech Republic 2 Netherlands 2 (in Teplice). Group 7: Moldova 0 Bulgaria 0 (in Chisinau). Group 8: Greece 0 Russia 1 (in Ormeta).
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group 1: Poland 4 Israel 3 (in Warsaw).
EUROPEAN UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Poland 1 Czech Republic 2. Group C: Slovenia 0 Turkey 2.
WORLD YOUTH CUP (in Doha, Qatar): Semi-final: Brazil 1 Portugal 0
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford 2 Bristol City 1.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): Collingwood 17 9 (111) drew with Essendon 16 15 (111).

BOWLS

DURBAN, South Africa: Women's tournament: Singles: First round: J Peacock (SA) bt P Nolan (Ire) 25-20; A Barber (US) bt A de Abella (Arg) 25-10; V Stead (Jersey) bt P Fisher (Sp) 25-14; M Swardlow (Is) bt N Shaw (Eng) 25-11; J Martel (Guernsey) bt P Jones (Wales) 25-21; J Joubert (Nam) bt J Maxwell (Scot) 25-19. Fours: First round: Ireland (J Mulholland) tied with South Africa (C Grondein) 18-18; Argentina (S de Cantamni) bt US (M Wood) 23-13; Spain (J Taylor) bt Jersey (S Syvret) 23-7; England (M Price) bt Israel (M Hirschowitz) 24-21; Wales (B Morgan) bt Guernsey (S Paul) 22-18; Scotland (F White) bt Namibia (L King) 22-12.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Kidderminster: Worcestershire 442-9 dec (D B D'Oliveira 150, C J Eyers 79). Warwickshire 0-0. Leicester: Leicestershire 278-7 (T J Boon 96, S Bartle 67, J M Dakin 55 not out) v Kent. Ramsbottom: Northamptonshire 312 (D Sales 131, R Green 4-58). Lancashire 42-2.
OTHER MATCH: The Parks: MCC 147-3 (D Banks 56 not out) v Oxford University 143-6 (J M Attfield 58) by seven wickets

GOLF

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Greater Greensboro Open: Final scores (United States unless stated): 274: J Gallagher 69, 70, 69, 66. 275: J Sluman 70, 65, 66, 74. P Jacobsen 69, 65, 69, 72. 276: J Adams 70, 66, 70, 70. 277: M Calcavecchia 68, 73, 67, 69; J Parnevik (Swe) 70, 68, 68, 72. 279: G Boros 73, 67, 70, 69; T Tryba 69, 70, 69, 71; S Stricker 68, 73, 66, 72; B Faxon 65, 71, 71, 72; V Singh (Fiji) 65, 72, 69, 73. 280: F Zoeller 70, 71, 70, 69; H Sutton 67, 68, 74, 71. 281: J Leonard 70, 71, 72, 68; L Roberts 71, 70, 71, 69; D Duval 72, 68, 70, 71; G Hallberg 69, 71, 69, 72; K Triplett 68, 65, 71, 77. British: 295: D Feherty 69, 73, 76, 77

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 4 Montreal 3; New York Islanders 5 Boston 3; New York Rangers 5 Washington 4; Florida 5 Ottawa 1; Buffalo 3 Tampa Bay 1; Anaheim 2 Calgary 1.
GAVLE, Sweden: World championship: Italy 2 Germany 1; United States 5 Austria 2; Canada 5 Switzerland 3; France 4 Canada 1; United States 2 Norway 1; Canada 1 France 4

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Old Etonian championship: Finals: Open singles: H Eddis bt Lord Hothfield 7-4. Open doubles: H Eddis and P Na bt A Beeson and Lord Hothfield 6-4, 6-5. Singles: M Hue Williams bt W Boone 30-26. Doubles: Boone and T Pugh bt Hue Williams and D Pease 30-28.

TABLE TENNIS

SINGAPORE: Commonwealth championships: Finals: Men: England 3 Hong Kong 4 (England names first): C Prean lost to Chan Kong Wah 16-21, 21-15, 19-21; A Cooke bt Chan Chi Ming 21-16, 21-8; A Eden lost to Lo Chuen Tsung 13-21, 17-21. Cooke bt Lo 21-19, 16-21, 22-20; Eden lost to Chan 16-21, 14-21. Prean lost to Chan 16-21, 14-21; Prean and Cooke lost to Lo and Chan 19-21, 15-21. Women: England 1 Hong Kong 4 (England names first): A Holt bt Tong Kun 21-18, 21-14; A Gordon lost to Chai Po Wa 9-21, 15-21; L Lomas lost to Chan Tan Lui 21-23, 10-21; Holt lost to Chai Po Wa 19-21, 14-21; Gordon lost to Chan Tan Lui 31-21, 16-21

TENNIS

MONACO: Monte Carlo Open men's tournament: First round: R Fromberg (Aus) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-2, 6-4; C Pioline (Fr) bt H Skoff (Austria) 6-3, 7-5; J Sánchez (Sp) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-1, 6-3; F Clavet (Sp) bt A Krickstein (US) 6-2, 6-0; F Santoro (Fr) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-3, 6-1; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt L Roux (Fr) 6-3, 7-5; C Costa (Sp) bt D Vacek (Cz Rep) 6-1, 7-5; M Woodforde (Aus) bt A Voinea (Rom) 7-5, 6-3; G Schaller (Aut) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3; A Gaudenzi (It) bt P Korda (Cz Rep) 6-2, 6-2; A Lopez-Moron (Sp) bt A Boetsch (Fr) 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; A Corretja (Sp) bt O Delaître (Fr) 6-1, 6-2; D Rikl (Cz Rep) bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; D Wheaton (US) bt D Poliakov (Ukr) 6-4, 6-2; T Enqvist (Swe) bt T Champion (Fr) 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; K Novacek (Cz Rep) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Burillo (Sp) bt A Costa (Sp) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; M Rosset (Switz) bt G Raoux (Fr) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Portas (Sp) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-3, 6-1; R Krajicek (Holl) bt D Nargiso (It) 6-3, 6-1.
EDINBURGH: Satellite tournament: Women: First round: D Chaldkova (Cz Rep) bt K Sharpe (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; Z Mallis (GB) bt N Schwarz (Aus) 7-5, 7-6; N Egorova (Russ) bt A Mauresmo (Fr) 6-2, 6-3; M Mair (GB) bt E Salvador (Sp) 6-1, 6-4; J Dawson (GB) bt J Ward (GB) 6-2, 7-6; A Wainwright (GB) bt E Fauth (Austria) 7-5, 6-2; A Tordoff (GB) bt F Lishman (GB) 6-1, 6-1; E Jelfs (GB) bt B Kumberova (Cz Rep) 6-2, 6-3.

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Citizen Cup defence finals: Young America (K Mahaney) bt Stars & Stripes (D Conner) by 53sec. Overall positions: 1, Stars & Stripes 5 wins 2 defeats; 2, Young America 5-5; 3, Mighty Mary (L Egnot) 4-4.
BOC CHALLENGE: Leading positions: Final leg (Punta del Este to Charleston, South Carolina, with miles to finish): Class 1: 1, Sceta Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 763 miles; 2, Coyote (D Scully, US) 1,149; 3, *Hunter's Child* (S Pettengill, US) 1,169; 4, Vendee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 1,205; 5, Novell South Africa (JJ Provoyeur, SA) 1,577; 6, *Thursday's Child* (A Taylor, US) 2,302. Class 2: 1, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 1,483; 2, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 1,810; 3, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 2,282; Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 2,707; 4, 5, Cornwall (R Dewe, GB) 3,057; 6, Shuten-Dohji II (M Sato, Japan) 4,468.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

European championship
Qualifying round
Group six
Latvia v Northern Ireland (in Riga, 6.0)
Ireland v Portugal (in Dublin) ...
Group seven
Germany v Wales (in Düsseldorf, 6.45)
Group eight
San Marino v Scotland
(at Serravalle Stadium, 7.05) ...

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Birmingham v Brentford (7.45) ...

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale v Ton Pentre; Inter Cardiff v Barry (at Maesteg Park FC); Afan Lido v Llanelli.
UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Caernarfon v Eastwood Town; Workington v Blyth Spartans.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Collier Row v Southall; Cove v Flackwell Heath (7.45).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge C v Chelmsford; Sittingbourne v Rushden and D (7.45). Southern division: Fareham v Baldock (7.45); Tonbridge AFC v Waterlooville (7.45). Midland division: Forest Green v Ilkeston (7.45); Sutton Coldfield v Bedworth.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hillingdon v Croydon.
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparta v Wingate and Finchley; Shillington v Buckingham Athletic; Langford v Milton Keynes.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton v Paulton.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Boldmere Swifts v Oldbury.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Wimbledon (at Welling, 7.0); Oxford Utd v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Millwall (at The Dell); Swindon v Arsenal. Second division: Bath v Swansea (at Keynsham); Plymouth v Cardiff; Yeovil v Hereford (7.45). League Cup: Cheltenham v Birmingham.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Coventry; Bolton v Blackburn; Everton v Wolverhampton; Leeds v Stoke (at Halifax Town FC); Nottingham Forest v West Bromwich; Tranmere v Sunderland. Second division: Blackpool v Newcastle; Huddersfield v Burnley; Mansfield v Preston; York v Manchester City.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Guisborough v Ferryhill; Northallerton v Peterlee.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Holker Old Boys v Darwen; Nantwich v Bootle.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket v Lowestoft (6.30); Woodbridge v Great Yarmouth
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough v Langney Sports; Pagham v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Wick v Ringmer.
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Holbeach.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam v Pontefract Collieries; Stocksbridge PS v Belper Town.
SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior two: Hadley v Hale End.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Ramsbottom: Lancashire v Northamptonshire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent. Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Warwickshire

RUGBY UNION

Inter-Services championship
Royal Navy v RAF
(at Twickenham, 3.0) ...

Club matches
Cheltenham v Moseley (7.30) ...
Penzance v Redruth (6.30) ...

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).
TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh).

I have a hobby, you're obsessed, he's mad

Delusion was the theme last night. There were more delusions manifested on our television screens than you could shake — well, than you could shake this stick at. But they varied in seriousness from the operatic divas on Omnibus (BBC 1) who sing so many queenly roles they lose touch with common humanity (think of the terrible dress sense), to poor mad John Baptist in *Minders* (BBC 2), a Ghanaian man sectioned under the Mental Health Act for believing he was born white and nephew to the Queen. Meanwhile *QED* (BBC 1) uncovered Asperger's syndrome — a form of autism which handicaps people by making them obsessive, fearful, and extremely irritating. And Channel 4's *Air Conditioned Eden* charted the fascinating story of American "Tiki" culture, a 1950s cultural phenomenon which encouraged people to think Hawaii was a state of mind achievable in Des Moines, contingent only on the right exotic *LP* on the turntable and a drink with a straw in a coconut.

Wow. That's a lot of people believing false ideas, isn't it? But which delusions are allowable? Which obsessions are OK? It was an unavoidable question. A man who thinks he looks good in a Hawaiian shirt and a cowboy hat is allowed not only to roam freely, but spends $3 million on a Tiki theme park, a folly which never opens because it's built 20 years late.

But the harmless man who thinks he's related to the Queen is declared to be ill, taken to hospital against his will and given drugs to slow him down. Minders (BBC 2) was a slow, cool, fascinating account of a difficult case, in which medical opinion conflicted, tribunals were held, and big-eyed female social workers with short hair and dangly ear-rings demonstrated firmness and concern commingled. What was best for this man? Without drugs he could look after himself at home; with drugs he was disabled by the side-effects — "less than a baby," he said. Amazingly, he never learnt to dissemble. Even when facing a sympathetic tribunal, he still explained, in a heart-breaking cotton-mouthed mumble, "Well, having been born white . . .", thus throwing his chances away.

At the Bafta awards on Sunday night, the writer of *Takin' Over the Asylum* yelled, startlingly, "We are loonies and we are proud!" — a catchphrase which the *States of Mind* season seems to endorse wholeheartedly. Last night's QED (BBC 1) actually fell outside the season, but its analysis of Asperger's syndrome was as compassionate as *Minders* was, equally level-headed about the definition

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Lynne Truss

of abnormality. Asperger's is characterised by obsessive behaviour — the checking of switches, detachment from social interaction, strict adherence to routines, fear that the house will burn down.

You know somebody like this, don't you? Well, Asperger himself described it as the "extreme end of the male personality". Men diagnosed as having Asperger's outnumber women by a factor of ten. No more questions, your honour.

QED focused on two sufferers, one a difficult, friendless seven-year-old boy called George, whose father admitted he had certain tendencies in the same direction. What were these tendencies? Well, the proud ownership of a photograph album showing all the radio and television masts in the United Kingdom. Oh yes, right, *tendencies*. The other case study was Mark, an adult who is combating his Asperger's, conquering his fears, and taking a maths degree at Brunel University.

Mark is making considerable progress, but his tutor — a man untrained in professional patience, and therefore a refreshing perspective — admitted that Mark's need for reassurance was sometimes quite exasperating. For weeks before his exams, Mark worried not about getting the answers right, but about fixing the papers together with a dog-tag. That's the real truth about Asperger's, actually: it's awful for the poor bloke who's got it, but it drives everybody else round the bend.

Channel 4's **Air-Conditioned Eden** was a cheap and cheerful bit of social history, narrated in the style of those *Small Objects of Desire* on BBC 2, and acting a bit like Freudian cultural psychoanalysis. Before 9pm last night, the "Tiki" period was a memory so excruciating that it had been repressed. But in half an hour, the whole ghastly thing was back out in the open — the exotic sounds of Martin Denny, the bamboo furniture, the Hawaiian shirt. James Michener has a lot to answer for, as have Rodgers and Hammerstein. Hula girls presented a sexually prim culture with a "*National Geographic* eroticism" while the Hawaiian shirt was a declaration, "Hey, I'm on vacation, humour me". It all comes flooding back. Didn't the Tracy family in *Thunderbirds* sometimes relax in Hawaiian shirts, waving exotic cocktails in their little wooden fists?

There was the usual stuff about tourism plundering only the bits of Polynesian culture they fancied — adopting the Tiki doll as a kind of gonk, for example. In the heyday of the craze, Walt Disney opened an Enchanted Tiki Room in Disneyland, full of mechanical parrots chirping a happy song. But such crassness is a commonplace of tourism; it still goes on. At an ultra-expensive hotel on the lagoon at Bora Bora, I happen to know that local craftsmen decorated the place with authentic carvings and rope-wrapping, while the American manager routinely followed their progress each evening with a chainsaw, slicing off all the authentic protuberances like a Victorian curator of antiquities at the British Museum.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (38572)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31049881)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (8787256)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1197084) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (3586779)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (8464626)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather ([illegible]) **12.05 Pebble Mill** with Ross King (s) ([illegible]) **12.55 Regional News** and weather ([illegible])

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (40268) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (86396510)

1.50 Going For Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (86307626) **2.15 Alias Smith and Jones**. Lighthearted western adventures (r) ([illegible])

3.00 Flavours Of . . . Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave (s) (5918539) **3.20 Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade**. Making bread (s) (4782539)

3.30 Cartoon ([illegible]) **3.45 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5587855) **4.10 The Chipmunks** (r) (7810522) **4.30 The Boot Street Band** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3601794)

5.00 Newsround (4880510) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) ([illegible]) (4438539)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (699084)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (249)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (201)

7.00 This Is Your Life presented by Michael Aspel. (Ceefax) (s) (2274)

7.30 Here and Now. Current affairs magazine (713)

8.00 Hearts of Gold. More details of acts of courage and [illegible]. (Ceefax) (s) (928626)

8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) ([illegible])

8.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (s) (687713)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather ([illegible])

9.30 Cardiac Arrest. Medical drama series. The rescue of a young [illegible] from a frozen lake leads to Claire [illegible] the longest resuscitation in the hospital's history. (Ceefax) (s) (81978)

Alternative comedian Ben Elton (10.00pm)

10.00 Ben Elton — The Man From Auntie. Stand-up comedy and sketches ([illegible]) (53607)

10.30 Sportsnight with Desmond Lynam. Includes snooker, European football championship qualifying highlights, boxing and a preview of the final of the rugby league Silk Cup Challenge Cup between Wigan and Leeds (s) (46249)

12.00 FILM: Power ([illegible]) starring Richard Gere, Julie Christie and Gene Hackman. A political thriller about a [illegible] of media manipulation working for politicians who he despises, while forced to examine his principles. Directed by Sidney Lumet (s) ([illegible]) [illegible] Weather ([illegible])

BBC2

[illegible]0 Open University: Women's Studies — Counting the Threads **6.45** The Albert Memorial **7.10** *The Thrie Estaites* **7.35** The Enlightenment: Angelica Kauffman RA (91822591)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7379978) **8.15 Westminster On-Line With Trevor Phillips** (s) (7832249)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (5481305) **2.00** William's Wish Wellingtons (82227268) **2.05** Philbert the Frog (82226539)

2.[illegible] World Snooker. *Live coverage of the opening session of the semi-final from the bottom half of the draw.* Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** ([illegible]554794)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (577220)

6.45 A Bit Of Bluff. A series of compilations from the 1960s-80s popular word game *Call My Bluff* (170775)

7.00 Colditz: Tweedledum. A *States of Mind* season contribution. An episode from the successful 1970s drama series about life in the German PoW camp in which Wing Commander Marsh decides that the only way of escaping is to feign madness. Starring *David McCallum, Michael Bryant, Edward* Hardwicke and Robert Wagner (773862)

7.50 French Cooking in Ten Minutes. (Ceefax) (s) (724930)

8.00 Seven Wonders of the World. Danny Hillis, inventor of the world's first parallel supercomputer, reveals his personal seven wonders of the world. (Ceefax) (s) (7084)

8.30 Home Front. *Interior design magazine presented by* Tessa Shaw. (Ceefax) (6591)

Troubled times for Eurotunnel (9.00pm)

9.00 Modern Times: Channel Wars. (Ceefax) (s) (427997)

9.50 Watch Out. The latest wildlife news (277133)

10.00 World Snooker (s) (51249)

10.30 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats. (Ceefax) (s) (773220)

10.35 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (741591)

11.20 The Life and Times of Dr R.D. Laing. A profile of *the psychiatrist and author who died five years ago* (364626) **12.05am Open University**: Living with Drought (7591553)

12.55 Weather (3871485) **1.00 The Record**. The day in Parliament (s) (55244). Ends at **1.30**

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency. Today (r). *(Ceefax and signing)* (13269805) **5.00-6.00 Voluntary Sector Television** (r). (Ceefax) (56485)

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CHOICE

Sean Bean and Emily Mortimer (ITV, 8.00pm)

Sharpe
ITV 8.00pm

Sharpe at its best has the look of an animated oil painting. But the last film in the series, set on the Franco-Spanish frontier in 1813, isn't quite animated enough. Sharpe's life is in danger when he is wounded *during a dangerous mission to conceal Wellington's master spy*, El Mirador, from his French counterpart Colonel Leroux (Patrick Fierry). Yes, there are castanets aplenty, and the odd flashing blade, but ITV's most straightforward prime time drama is a little low on action *this week. All because Lass* (Emily *Mortimer*) becomes attached to Sharpe, and insists on all sorts of lovey-dovey stuff. Still worth watching for its vivid palette of colours, and Sean Bean's ability to suffuse even the shortest line of dialogue with honour, integrity and honest-to-goodness sex appeal.

Modern Times: Channel Wars
BBC2, 9.00pm

Marketing Le Shuttle — "a steel tube with nothing but a loo and a lightbulb" — is a publicist's nightmare. With no bar, no scenery to speak of and no gut-busting *breakfasts to feed to the long-haul lorry drivers, it has* yet to make the splash the executives had hoped. Eighteen months after completion of the tunnel, Eurotunnel is £10bn in debt, with its interest payment equivalent to £80,000 an hour. Cautious *representatives from the ferry companies* still perch on the cliffs, spying on tunnel traffic. This documentary explains why they are quite so interested. "If Eurotunnel goes bust," says P&O's marketing director, "we *anticipate the Government* would write-off all the losses. P&O would not be uninterested in picking it up, because it will be going for a song."

French Cooking in Ten Minutes
BBC2, 7.50pm (not Scotland)

This series of short period dramas stars Christopher Rozycki as Dr Edouard de Pomaine, a bon viveur from the 1930s who cooks so quickly because life affords him so many other pleasures. Tonight the doctor cooks up escargots, filets de fletan sauce mornay and coeur à la crème *à la confiture because, as he knows,* food sounds, and tastes, better in French. He recommends wine, naturellement, because the only meal complete without wine is breakfast. Full of little tips (steaming should be avoided by those in a hurry or spectacles), he prepares, cooks *and serves a three-course dinner in* just ten minutes. As the cameras leave, Madame X enters, elegant in cream coloured furs and a backless red dress. "I wonder," Pomaine muses, "if snails are an aphrodisiac..."

Trial and Error
Channel 4, 9.00pm

On November 28, 1987, the body of Ivy Batten, a well-liked and independent spinster, was discovered inside her bungalow near the east Devon *hamlet* of Shute. *She had suffered multiple wounds to her head.* Her electricity had been turned off and the phone line pulled out. To the Devon and Cornwall police it seemed like a case of a bungled burglary. Labourer Brian Parsons was charged *with the murder, but tonight David Jessel points out* that the gloves which lie at the forensic heart of the case against Parsons were not handled correctly.

Richard Johnson

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (5405030) **9.25 Chain Letters** (s) (2860336) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2031684)

10.00 The Time... The Place. *Discussion programme* hosted by John Stapleton (s) (4459423)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (76828930)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) and weather (6537133)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9431978)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9449997)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (73900607)

1.55 A Country Practice (s) (86391065)

2.20 Wild about Essex. Tony Robinson discovers more about the county of Essex, which is *surrounded on three sides by water* (58690404)

2.50 Carlton People (1613152) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (4786355) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4785626)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (8994423) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (2324775) **3.50 Talespin** (r) (s) (5560688) **4.20 Tales from the Cryptkeeper** (Teletext) (s) (1948626) **4.50 Brill** (Teletext) (s) (1503572)

5.10 After 5 with Lorraine Kelly. (Teletext) (4422978)

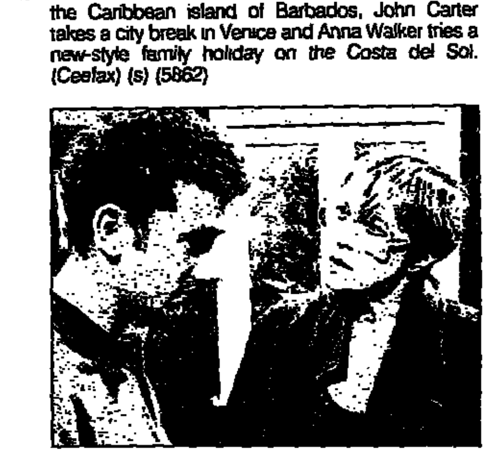
5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (930978)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (844688)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (317)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (997)

7.00 Wish You Were Here...? Judith Chalmers flies to the Caribbean island of Barbados, John Carter takes a city break in Venice and Anna Walker tries a new-style family holiday *on the Costa del Sol.* (Ceefax) (s) (5862)



Anne Kirkbride and Al Nedjari (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Samir feels left out as Ken and Deirdre fret over Tracy (Teletext) (881)

8.00 CHOICE **Sharpe: Sharpe's Sword** (Teletext) (s) (7171)

10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal *Democrats* (866201)

10.05 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (558510)

10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (413336)

10.45 The Rugby Warriors. *Alastair Hignell looks at the game in Australia and New Zealand* (364775)

11.15 FILM: Moving Violations (1985) starring John Murray, Jennifer Tilly and James Keach. Comedy about a group of misfits sent to a traffic school to brush up their driving skills. Directed by Neal Israel (272775)

12.45am Alien Nation (s) (4186534)

1.40 Hollywood Report (s) (1461553)

2.10 The Beat. *Music and movie magazine* (6333911)

3.05 The Album Show *featuring* Marcella Detroit and Foreigner (s) (6040331)

4.05 Shift (4977114)

4.55 The Time... The Place (r) (s) (2940756)

5.30 ITN Morning News (21517). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7125775)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (23591)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (58152)

9.30 FILM: The Big Lift (1950, b/w) starring *Montgomery Clift and Paul Douglas. A "faction" drama about the conflict between two American* pilots airlifting supplies to Soviet-blockaded Berlin. Directed by George Seaton (38445030)

11.40 Down To Sussex. A British Rail travelogue, made in 1965 (7593404)

12.00 House To House with Maya Even (45688)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is the flautist James Galway (r) (21249) **1.30 The Herbs** followed by **Dig, Dug and Daisy** (r) (86423)

2.00 Night Mail (b/w). A 1936 tribute to the overnight postal services. With poetry by W.H. Auden and music by Benjamin Britten (58687930)

2.25 FILM: The Foreman Went To France (1942, b/w) starring Clifford Evans, Tommy Trinder, Gordon Jackson and Robert Morley. Second World War *drama about a factory foreman who travels to* France to try to save vital equipment from falling into the possession of the advancing Germans. Directed by Charles Frend. (Teletext) (125238)

4.00 Journeyman. Clive Gunnell admires the swans of Abbotsbury (s) (510)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (794)

5.00 Ricki Lake. *The guests are women who claim they are happy to be fat.* (Teletext) (6932387)

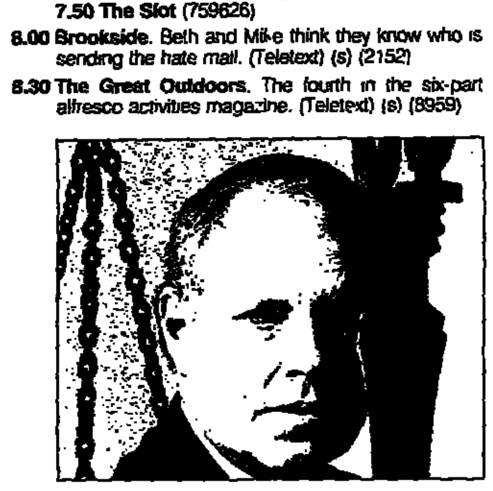
5.45 Terrytoons (920591)

6.00 All American Girl. Comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (959) **6.30 Boy Meets World**. American rites of passage comedy. (Teletext) (s) (539)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (768930) **7.50 The Slot** (759626)

8.00 Brookside. Beth and Mike think they know who is *sending the hate mail.* (Teletext) (s) (2152)

8.30 The Great Outdoors. The fourth in the six-part *alfresco activities magazine.* (Teletext) (s) (8959)



David Jessel investigates (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Trial and Error**. (Teletext) (1133)

10.00 ER. American hospital drama series. (Teleetxt) (s) (706268)

10.55 The Best of the Tube. The guests include Thin Lizzy, Madness, Swing Out Sister and Victor Kiam (514648)

11.30 Cheers (r). (Teletext) (94591)

12.00 The White Room (r) (s) (32805)

1.00am Mojo Working. A profile of Chuck Berry (r) (s) (6105263)

1.35 The Coffin Factory. Animation made in 1966 by the Czech surrealist Jan Svankmajer (8709282)

1.45 Street Of Crocodiles. Animation directed by the Brothers Quay (6740824)

2.10 FILM: Wife, Doctor and Nurse (1937, b/w) starring *Loretta Young, Warner Baxter and Virginia Bruce.* A comedy about a New York socialite who marries a Park Avenue doctor. Walter Lang directs (2365350). Ends at **3.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9449997) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (73900607) 2.20 Gardening Time (58690404) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1613152) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4422978) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (949084) 10.35 Anglia News (413336) 10.45 Nick Knight (47846229) 12.45am Alien Nation (4187283) 1.35 Hollywood Report (1482282) 2.05 America's Top Ten ([illegible]) [illegible] (4659244) 3.35 The Little Picture Show (9780669) 4.20 The Time... the Place (5469283) [illegible]

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.20 Gardening Time (58690404) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1613152) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4422978) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (949084) 11.15 Thrill (272775) 4.00am Jobfinder (1109734) 5.30 Asian Eye (7752080)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9449997) 1.25 Home and Away (49474882) 1.50 Highway to Heaven (6377591) 2.50-3.20 Coronation Street (1613152) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4422978) 6.25 Granada Tonight (949084) 7.00-7.30 Wish You Were Here...? (5862) 10.35 Granada News (413336) 10.45 The Rugby Warriors (364775) 11.15 World Championship Boxing ([illegible]) 12.15am Disaster Chronicles (1522069) 12.35 Curse Calls (6136176) 12.45 Alien Nation (4186534) 1.40 Hollywood Report (1461553) 2.10 The Beat (6333911) 3.05 The Album Show (6040331) 4.05 Shift ([illegible]) 4.35 The Time... the Place (2940756)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9449997) 1.25 Home and Away (73900607) 1.55 The New Mr & Mrs Show (85002220) 2.25 Good Advice (58688775) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7876355) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4422978) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (997) 11.15 The Pick-Up Artist (272775)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 The Really Helpful Programme (85002220) 3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (4785626) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (997)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (6537133) 12.55 Coronation Street ([illegible]) 1.25-1.55 [illegible] 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1613152) 3.20-3.30 Meridian News and Weather (4785626) 5.10 Home and Away (4422978) 5.40 Three Minutes [illegible] [illegible] Service ([illegible]) 10.35-10.45 Meridian News and Weather [illegible] Fight City Hall to the Death ([illegible]) [illegible] Alien Nation (4187283) 1.35 Hollywood Report (1482282) 2.05 America's Top Ten ([illegible]) 2.35 The Little Picture Show ([illegible]) 4.20 The Time... the Place (5469283) 5.00 Freescreen (43911)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2031684) 12.20pm Westcountry News (6545152?) [illegible] Coronation Street ([illegible]) 1.25 Home and Away (73900607) [illegible] Road ([illegible]) 2.25 Masterchef ([illegible]) 4.00 Brill (7814355) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4422978) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live ([illegible]) 11.15 The Equaliser ([illegible]) 12.15am The Hidden Room ([illegible])

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street ([illegible]) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (73900607) 2.20 The Restaurant Show (58690404) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1613152) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4422978) 5.55 Calendar (110959) 6.30 Crosswits (997) 11.15 Street Legal (272775) 12.10am News at Eleven ([illegible]) 1.50 Hollywood Report ([illegible]) 2.20 Videofashion (2841553) 2.50 The Album Show ([illegible]) [illegible] 4.45 Jobfinder ([illegible])

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (23591) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (58152) 9.30 The Big Lift (38445030) 11.40 Down To Sussex (7593404) 12.00pm House To House (45688) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (97152) 1.00 Sesame Street (82607) 2.00 Food File (7294510) 2.30 The Sword Of Monte Cristo ([illegible]) 4.05 The Cosby Show ([illegible]) 5.00 5 Pump Anturiaethau Jini Mj Y Gwibedwr ([illegible]) 5.30 Fifteen To One (895) 6.00 Newyddion (898510) 6.15 Heno (579712) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (3404) 7.30 Trysorau'r Ymgyrch Cymraeg Meurig ([illegible]) 8.00 Amser Rhyfel Yn Nwylo'r Gelyn ([illegible]) 8.30 Darlledid Gwleidyddol Y ([illegible]) 8.35 Newyddion (441355) 9.05 Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd (862404) 9.35 Rap (897404) 10.00 Brookside (48317) 10.30 E.R. (404823) 11.25 The Golden Girls ([illegible]) 11.55 Ellen (758171) 12.20am Bloody Wagon ([illegible]) 12.50 The Ring Reduced (7684282)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (1107626) 6.01 Amigo (1107626) 6.05 Mrs Pepperpot (1106997) 6.10 Dynamo Duck (1275882) 6.30 My Little Pony (32775) 7.00 The Incredible Hulk (85355) 7.30 Superhuman Samurai (64862) 8.00 Mighty Morphin (25387) 8.30 Blockbusters (75626) 9.00 Oprah Winfrey (25249) 10.00 Concentration (56355) 10.30 Card Sharks (81404) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (73510) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (75864) 12.30pm Anything But Love (14220) 1.00 St Elsewhere (19775) 2.00 Matlock (57084) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (9945794) 3.50 The DJ Kat Show (4429733) 3.55 Superhuman Samurai (4839794) 4.30 The Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers (9572) 5.00 Deep Space Nine (5881) 6.00 Murphy Brown (3715) 6.30 Family Ties (1317) 7.00 Rescue (6510) 7.30 M*A*S*H (3571) 8.00 Robocop (58220) 9.00 Picket Fences (76084) 10.00 Deep Space Nine (79171) 11.00 David Letterman (914510) 11.50 The Untouchables (501220) 12.45am Chances (4239756) 1.30 The New WKRP (10244) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix Long Play

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5490997) 9.30 Entertainment This Week (55510) 10.30 ABC Nightline (89046) 11.00 News and Business (950846) 1.30pm CBS News (48591) 2.30 Parliament Live (99607) 4.00 News and Business (38336) 5.00 Live at Five (8860591) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (8361268) 7.30 O.J. Simpson Trial, Live (2517775) 12.30am CBS News (3035892) 1.10 Richard Littlejohn (5564350) 2.30 Parliament Replay (62850) 4.30 CBS News (32263) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (37737)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2570152) 10.00 Paradise (1991) (25335) 12.00 Harper Valley PTA (1978) (38958) 2.00pm Bury Me In Niagara (1992) (60423) 4.00 The Waltons' Crisis: An Easter Story (1990) (9323) 6.00 Paradise (1991): As 10am (57958) 8.00 The Crush (1993) (52404) 10.00 Rapid Fire (1992) (782084) 11.40 Eleven Days, Eleven Nights Part 2 (1988) (281404) 1.10am Secret Ceremony (1968) (282344) 3.00 In the Line of Duty: The Price of Vengeance (1993) (2887805) 4.25-6.00 Bury Me In Niagara (1992): As 2pm (383534)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (40607) 4.00 Horse Feathers (1932) (1787520) 5.50 The Barefoot Contessa (1954) (42423978) 8.00 Pale Rider (1985) (75499268) 10.10 Easy Rider (1969) (208201) 11.45-2.00am The Children's Hour (1962) (16528572)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am George White's Scandals (1945) (14025510) 7.35 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1986): Animation (5680607) 8.30 Heathcliff — The Movie (1985): Cartoon (43065) 10.00 Goodbye, My Lady (1956) (23978) 12.00 Ann Vickers (1933) (29201) 2.00pm Holiday on the Buses (1973) (475249) 3.40 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1986) (1713626) 4.35 Heathcliff — The Movie (1985): As 8.30am (5232713) 5.55 Year of the Comet (1992) (77257997) 7.30 Special Feature: Outbreak (3539) 8.00 The Philadelphia Experiment 2 (1993) (70810084) 9.40 Mad Dog and Glory (1993) (184268) 11.20 Knight Moves (1993) (396794) 1.15am Movers and Shakers (1985) (5565089) 2.35 The Hunting Party (1971) (640843) 4.25-6.00 Year of the Comet (1992): As 5.55pm (381175)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5914930) 7.15 WWF Superstars (887201) 8.15 Soccer News (3620012) 8.30 Footballer's Show (23881) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (45775) 10.00 Cricket Highlights (47442) 11.30 WTA Tennis Magazine (84539) 12.00 ATP Tennis, Live: Monte Carlo Open (2332978) 5.00pm WWF Challenge (8997) 6.00 Soccer News (642317) 6.15 Fish Tales (630572) 6.30 Horse Racing, Live from Newton Abbot and Kempton (67341) 8.30 The Pavilion End (39626) 9.30 Get Your Handicap Down (69355) 10.00 Soccer News (533853) 10.15 Cricket Highlights (481607) 11.45 Fish Tales (911713) 12.00 The Pavilion End (21737) 1.00-1.30am Handicap Down (35089)

EUROSPORT

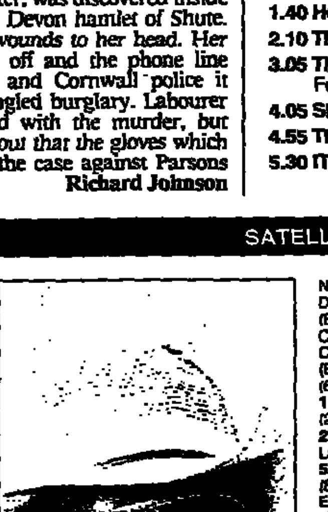
7.30am Figure Skating (26607) 9.30 Ice Hockey (25715) 11.30 Motors Magazine (87065) 1.00pm Motorcycling (24268) 1.30 Formula One (33930) 2.00 Equestrianism (97626) 3.00 Live Ice Hockey (637046) 6.00 Live Ice Hockey (1980997) 10.00 Football (72794) 12.00-12.30am News (52060)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7874978) 8.30 Peyton Place (7873249) 9.00 As the World Turns (4703510) 10.00 Guiding Light (3994959) 11.00-12.00 Another World (3907423)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (7877065) 12.30pm Boomerang (4152065) 1.00 Colorado River (3918539) 1.30 Spice of Life (4151338) 2.00 Australian Panorama (4731065) 2.30 Belgium and Luxembourg (6516466) 3.00 Discover America (1653268) 4.00 Travel Guide (6339238) 4.30 Boomerang (4434502) 5.00 Kenya (4722317) 5.30 Spice of Life (6434882) 6.00 Belgium and Luxembourg (9684305) 6.30 American Vacation (8557510) 7.30 Australian Panorama (3084161) 8.00 Around the World (4711201) 8.30 Travel Guide (4730336) 9.00 Globetrotter (1638959) 9.30 American Vacation (2578065) 10.30 Kenya (7887442) 11.00 Travels in Europe (1633404) 11.30-12.00 Cruising (7255171)



Steve McQueen stars in Junior Bonner (Bravo 9.30pm)

TLC

9.00am Painting (6000666) 9.30 Simply Delicious (2568065) 10.00 Grow with Joe (2172978) 10.30 Divorcing Daddy (4105030) 11.00 Only Human (4035268) 12.00 Forty Something (2559688) 1.00pm Simply Delicious (4039084) 1.30 Painting (2581152) 2.00 Jimmy's (3700046) 2.30 Cash in Hand (8102572) 3.00 Grow with Joe (3712881) 3.30-4.00 Mad About Animals (8114317)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4032171) 7.30 Neighbours (4028978) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7555751) 8.30 EastEnders (8905292) 9.00 The Bill (4200684) 9.30 Campion (6316317) 10.30 When the Boat Comes In (67838161) 11.35 Going for Gold (85529881) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (6024688) 12.30pm Neighbours (2571539) 1.00 EastEnders (4031442) 1.30 The Bill (2563510) 2.00 Bless This House (3702404) 2.30 Brush Strokes (8104930) 3.00 Knots Landing (8651249) 4.00 Dallas (8663084) 5.00 Going for Gold (84054423) 5.25 XYZ (84033930) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (2966355) 6.30 EastEnders (8136539) 7.00 Brush Strokes (3706220) 7.30 Bless This House (8125423) 8.00 Adrian Mole (3722268) 8.30 Carry On Laughing (3701775) 9.00 Miss Marple. A Caribbean Mystery (6864201) 10.00 The Bill (9450387) 10.30 Top of the Pops (3225510) 11.15 The Young Ones (8560978) 11.55 Dr Who. The Claws of Axos (5821713) 12.25am FILM The Seventh Victim (1943) (33282447) 1.40 Rich and Famous (7681468) 2.30 Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (78152) 7.00 Sonic (56442) 7.30 Creepy Crawlers (42249) 8.00 Degrassi (56794) 8.30 Super Mario (8515201) 8.45 Casper (8543084) 9.00 Sesame Street (15171) 10.00 Pre-School (94065) 12.00 Madeline (69881) 12.30pm Pre-School (90355) 2.30 Barney (6220) 3.00 Dinobabies (4713) 3.30 Sonic (8065) 4.00 California (7572) 4.30-5.00 Degrassi (6084)

NICKELODEON

7.00am NickAlive (5912572) 7.15 Pee-Wee (858539) 7.45 Rugrats (840510) 8.15 Doug (935152) 8.45 NickAlive! (4769572) 9.00 Nick Jr (614220) 12.00 Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (38997) 12.30pm Denver (47133) 1.00 Smoggies (20442) 1.30 Galaxy High School (46404) 2.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (6152) 2.30 Henry's Cat (3794) 3.00 Grimmy (2959) 3.30 Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (5539) 4.00 Rude Dog (4046) 4.30 Rugrats (3930) 5.00 Clarissa (7404) 5.30 Odyssey (7510) 6.00 Doug (4423) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5775)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Arctic (8126152) 4.30 Deadly Australians (8122336) 5.00 Roger Kennedy's Rediscovering America (3703133) 6.00 Invention (5324220) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (5609539) 7.30 Encyclopedia Galactica (8123065) 8.00 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (3713510) 8.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World (3709317) 9.00 Full Metal Jacket — Wings Over Vietnam (8685171) 10.00 Full Metal Jacket — First Flights (6565830) 11.00-12.00 Black Wind White Land. Living with Chernobyl (4016133)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM Teenage Monster (1958) (2881713) 1.30pm Smothers Brothers (2565978) 2.00 The Avengers (2160133) 3.00 The Bill Cosby Show (3716607) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (8134171) 4.00 FILM It Started in Paradise (1952) (3710423) 6.00 It's Garry Shandling's Show (8130355) 6.30 Cannon (9049775) 7.30 Scotland Yard (8110591) 8.00 The Avengers (6679133) 9.00 The Twilight Zone (8654336) 9.30 FILM Junior Bonner (1972) (4904607) 11.30-12.00 Duffy's Tavern (2165688)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5233713) 7.00 Living (2840775) 9.00 Bazaar (6468794) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1777046) 10.05 Signs of the Times (1242336) 10.35 Susan Powter (18423355) 11.00 Young and Restless (7080404) 11.55 The Simple Programme (74834065) 12.00 Kilroy (9940510) 12.55pm Take Six Cooks (6385404) 1.30 New Mr and Mrs Show (1483713) 2.00 Agony Hour (5253626) 3.00 Living (7620220) 4.00 Infatuation UK (8549404) 4.30 Crosswits (1925152) 5.05 Joker's Wild (11107133) 5.30 A Taste of Wales (1294582) 6.05 Susan Powter (6673626) 6.30 Infatuation (3047404) 7.05 Crosswits (3494323) 7.35 Joker's Wild (2582404) 8.00 Young and Restless (2471317) 8.55 The Simple Programme (6807094) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (3429510) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (3439997) 11.00-12.00 Hit and Run (7640084) 11.30 Infatuation UK (5241881)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (6930) 5.30 The Tick (7336) 6.00 My Two Dads (4249) 6.30 Catchphrase (8201) 7.00 Busman's Holiday (6794) 7.30 Road to Avonlea (71220) 8.30 Duty Free (1249) 9.00 FILM Ruth Rendell: Put on by Cunning (37133) 11.00 Lou Grant (32862) 12.00 Zorro (94060) 12.30am The Tick (98027) 1.00 Trivial Pursuit (71805) 1.30 Rhoda (14008) 2.00 Moonlighting (53669) 3.00 Lou Grant with Ed Asner (26094) 4.00 Rhoda with Valerie Harper (68466) 4.30-5.00 Zorro (93398)

MTV

5.00am Wildside (32350) 6.30 The Grind (14978) 7.00 3 from 1 (1881689) 7.15 Wildside (8333510) 8.00 VJ Ingo (542539) 11.00 Soul (53355) 12.00 Greatest Hits (99510) 1.00pm Afternoon Mix (75930) 2.00 3 from 1 (16586171) 2.15 Afternoon Mix (9851068) 3.00 Cinematic (4079317) 3.15 Afternoon Mix (5402539) 4.00 MTV News (6095959) 4.15 Afternoon Mix (6001510) 4.30 Dial MTV (8442) 5.00 Zig and Zag (5688) 5.30 Music Non-Stop (40684) 7.00 Greatest Hits (50084) 8.00 Guide to Alternative Music (36404) 9.00 The Worst of Most Wanted (92572) 9.30 Beavis and Butthead (13369) 10.00 MTV News (509404) 10.15 Cinematic (504959) 10.30 The Worst of Most Wanted (55688) 11.00 The End? (76355) 12.30am The Grind (91485) 1.00 Soul (37008) 2.00-5.00 Videos

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (3900510) 9.00 Cafe VH-1 (7136539) 12.00 The Bridge (6815133) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (1547510) 2.30 Heart and Soul (8558249) 3.30 Into the Music (7826336) 6.00 Prime Cuts (4162442) 7.00 VH-1 for You (8646775) 8.00 VH-1 Soul (8655423) 9.00 Ten of the Best (8642359) 10.00 The Bridge (8645046) 11.00 VH-1 to 1 (1635862) 11.30 The Nightfly (4717713) 1.30am Ten of the Best (6086621) 2.30-7.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 6am to 7pm, including at 4.00 CMT Delivery Room 5.00 Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (61672881) 8.30 Rishtey (43626862) 9.00 Pakistan Business Update (43640442) 9.30 Pakistani Serial: Doosra Aasman (55617607) 10.30 Khel (43646626) 11.00 Galaxee (99963133) 11.30 Kalyaan (99964862) 12.00 Campus (43637978) 12.30pm Khana Khazana (18609930) 1.00 Punjabi FILM Do Lacchian (49733152) 4.00 Mujrim Haazir (41231075) 4.30 Kab Tak Pukaroon (69837649) 5.00 Udan Choo (96764046) 5.30 Rishtey (88313369) 6.00 Zindagi Ek Safar (95068292) 6.30 Campus (69687644) 7.00 Zara Hat ke (96777510) 7.30 Deewane (63419808) 8.00 News (96753930) 8.30 Banegi Apni Baat (96772065) 9.00-12.00 Hindi FILM (33693978)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm He Who Gets Slapped (1924) (96568268)
Theme: Spotlight on Dean Martin
8.00 Ada (1961) (37424975) **11.00 Mr Ricco** (1975) (25164201) **12.45am Ten Thousand Bedrooms** (1957) (20600244) **2.45-5.00 Ada** (1961): As 8pm (85434631)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel

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Hendry: equalled record

By Phil Yates

STEPHEN HENDRY equalled one of the numerous records held by Steve Davis, his great rival, and took a significant step towards breaking another by beating Ronnie O'Sullivan 13-8 in the quarter-finals of the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre yesterday.

The Scot, attempting to become the first player to win four successive titles since the championship moved to Sheffield in 1977, has not lost in the game's blue riband event since a 13-11 defeat by Steve James four years ago.

Since then, Hendry has strung together 18 consecutive victories to emulate the unbeaten run compiled by Davis between the first round of the 1987 championship and his semi-final loss against Jimmy White in 1990.

Like all outstanding champions, Hendry, who has occupied the world No 1 spot for five years, possesses the uncanny ability to produce his best when it matters most. O'Sullivan, a realistic pretender to Hendry's crown, found that to his cost.

"The tougher the opponent, the better I play; they motivate me," Hendry said. "I've been here long enough to realise you can't give special attention to one particular player, but Ronnie was definitely one of the favourites."

Hendry compiled a century break of 103 and eight half-centuries during the first two sessions on Monday, yet O'Sullivan stuck to him limpet-like. Overnight, Hendry led 9-7, but O'Sullivan won the opening frame on the resumption to halve that deficit.

The crucial moment arrived in the eighteenth frame. O'Sullivan, on a break of 20 and in a position of considerable scoring potential, potted the blue, took the cue-ball into the pack and was unfortunate to pot simultaneously one of the reds that he had intentionally developed.

From the chance presented to him, Hendry constructed an 88 break which served to throw open the floodgates. He added runs of 84 and a magnificent 133 clearance, which superseded John Parrott's 129 as the highest break of the championship so far to put Hendry in line to collect a £16,000 bonus.

"This one result hasn't won me the title by any means, but I always seem to play better and get stronger as the championship progresses; I'm very confident," Hendry, who has rejoined the coaching guru, Frank Callan, said.

O'Sullivan has often been accused of lacking respect for certain of the game's well-established players, but that criticism does not apply to his attitude towards Hendry. "Stephen's class. You can't afford to commit any kind of error against him or you'll get punished," he said.

Andy Hicks, arguably the most famous son of the small Devon market town of Tavistock since Sir Francis Drake, continued his giant-killing run by unexpectedly beating Peter Ebdon, the Irish Masters champion, 13-8.

Hicks laid the foundation for victory by establishing an 11-5 overnight advantage and breaks of 43 and 55 in the concluding session helped him to become the first Crucible debutant to reach the semi-finals since Terry Griffiths in 1979.

Brimming with confidence after disposing of Davis in the first round, Hicks enjoyed a benevolent run of the balls; there is nothing now to stop him beating Nigel Bond or Gary Wilkinson over 31 frames.

Hicks, a semi-finalist in the 1993 European Open and the Skoda grand prix last year, is guaranteed £57,000 — a cheque which almost trebles his entire tournament earnings for the season.

"The money is great but the big thing is that I'm involved in the semi-finals, playing at the Crucible in a one-table set-up," Hicks, 21, said. "Ever since I left school I have practised for six or eight hours a day and this is something to show for it."

Ebdon, regarded beforehand as a potential finalist from the weaker bottom half of the draw, could not conceal his disappointment. "I thought I had a real opportunity to capture the title and maybe I put myself under too much pressure."

The outcome had implications for next season's rankings in that Hicks is now only one win away from securing a place in the top 16 and that Ebdon has failed to replace Darren Morgan in the elite top eight automatically included in the circuit's leading invitation events.

The identity of Hendry's semi-final opponent was difficult to predict as Parrott fought back from deficits of 6-2 and 8-4 to pull level at 8-8 with White entering the final session. Parrott, who had a fruitful afternoon, accumulated a 123 break in the penultimate frame and exhibited far greater consistency than his generally erratic rival.

Quarter-finals (England unless stated): Result: S Hendry (Scot) bt R O' Sullivan 13-8; A Hicks bt P Ebdon 13-8. Latest scores: J Parrott level with J White 8-8; N Bond leads G Wilkinson 9-7.

ORDER OF PLAY

Semi-finals

2.30pm: A Hicks (Eng) v G Wilkinson (Eng) or N Bond (Eng).

7.30pm: S Hendry (Scot) v J White (Eng) or J Parrott (Eng).

Bevan announces his arrival at Yorkshire

By Michael Henderson

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by six wickets

THERE are few better ways of introducing yourself to a curious public than by playing a match-winning innings in your first competitive game. Michael Bevan, the New South Wales left-hander, steadied Yorkshire's ship in troublesome waters yesterday with 83 not out in the Benson and Hedges Cup so that they eventually overtook Worcestershire with some comfort.

It was an important win for Yorkshire, who have often thrown games away from a similar position. It was also important for Bevan, who has followed the pioneering path of Sachin Tendulkar and Richie Richardson to Headingley. Neither of those established Test batsmen earned their keep in terms of runs scored. Bevan, promising but not as yet proven at Test level, may provide more solid fare.

He shared a stand of 99 for the fourth wicket with Craig White after Byas, unwisely seeking a run to mid-on, failed to beat Curtis's throw. Yorkshire were 66 for three at that stage, by no means certain winners, but Bevan kept his head and picked up the gold award, ahead of Graeme Hick, whose 109 equalled his best score in the competition.

Bevan ended the match in the grand manner, driving Illingworth high into the football stand. On a bracing, windy night, he was anxious not to prolong the contest any longer than he had to and he should, in time, give Yorkshire good value, for his fielding no less than his batting.

It was not one of Hick's more fluent innings, not that he will bother much about that. At this stage of his passage to full physical recovery, after resting the injured back that forced him home early from Australia, any time spent at the crease is time well spent.

He did not move with complete freedom and his strokeplay, which is never elegant at the best of times, frequently looked cramped. As Worcestershire ran out of overs, Hick did not assume the dominant role that a dressing room expects of its senior batsman.

That he reached his century was due entirely to Yorkshire benevolence. He had made 16 when Hartley, who bowled an excellent first spell, found the edge of his bat. It should have been a straightforward slip catch for Byas. Instead, he threw it to the floor. He had more time to reflect on his folly than Moxon, the captain, who granted Hick another life on 78. This was a more awkward chance at mid-off, but it was another painful sight for Hartley.

Gough went past the bat in the morning, when he swung and cut the ball to good effect, and took his two wickets when he returned at the death. Stemp operated as Illingworth was to do later, firing in at the right-hander's leg stump. Riveting stuff. As is his custom, Stemp was bowling in dark glasses. Behind the stumps, Blakey sported another pair and, at square leg, umpire Burgess was similarly shaded. At any moment, Hick must have feared someone approaching with a violin case to make him an offer he could not refuse.

WORCESTERSHIRE

W P C Weston c Grayson b Robinson	0
*T S Curtis lbw b White	35
G A Hick run out	109
T M Moody b Hartley	10
G R Haynes lbw b Gough	12
D A Leatherdale not out	5
†S J Rhodes c Moxon b Gough	12
S R Lampitt not out	1
Extras (b 8, lb 9, w 7)	24
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	208

P J Newport, R K Illingworth and N V Radford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-83, 3-149, 4-181, 5-190, 6-204

BOWLING: Gough 11-2-27-2; Robinson 11-1-23-1; Hartley 11-3-35-1; White 11-0-68-1; Stemp 11-2-38-0

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon b Newport	7
M P Vaughan c Illingworth b Lampitt	14
D Byas run out	29
M G Bevan not out	83
C White c Rhodes b Radford	43
†R J Blakey not out	19
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 14)	17
Total (4 wkts, 51.4 overs)	212

A P Grayson, D Gough, P J Hartley, R D Stemp and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-31, 3-66, 4-165

BOWLING: Newport 10-0-49-1; Moody 3-1-9-0; Lampitt 11-2-28-1; Radford 11-0-42-1; Illingworth 9.4-1-37-0; Haynes 7-0-45-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and D J Constant

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Gough can only watch as Weston, the Worcestershire batsman, punishes a loose ball by hitting it for a fluent four at Headingley yesterday

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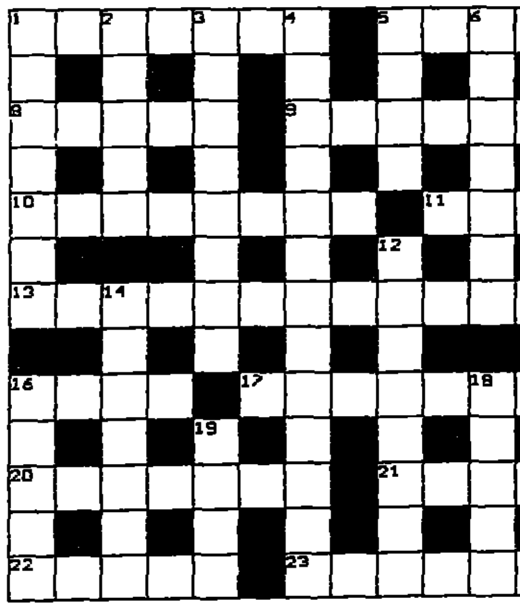

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1 Russian chief, had cocktail (7)
5 Potter (about) (5)
8 Infants (5)
9 Raise false alarm (3,4)
10 Media fund-raising extravaganza (8)
11 Compassion (4)
13 Arne "Never shall be slaves" song (4,9)
16 Threatening whisper: sound of derision (4)
17 No-blame accident (3,2,3)
20 Actual (if not official) (2,5)
21 Downs racecourse (5)
22 From the sun (5)
23 Performer of operations (7)

DOWN
1 Organised criminal (7)
2 Identifying tag (5)
3 Glass vial for lab (4-4)
4 Top bravery award (8,5)
5 County of NW Ireland (4)
6 One from Oxford (7)
7 Sizeable, forceful (5)
12 Inflictor of deliberate damage (8)
14 Driven by strong desire (7)
15 Stomach (7)
16 Greek underworld (5)
18 *Beau* —: generous action: P C Wren novel (5)
19 Steep outcrop; blemish (4)

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Nicely paced by Gatting

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (2pts) beat Essex by seven wickets

MIDDLESEX are likely to be one of the counties to reach the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup after gaining their second successive victory yesterday. An unbeaten 93 off 119 balls by Mike Gatting saw them to a comfortable victory over Essex.

From the first 50 balls he received, the former England captain scored a mere 17 runs. From the next 50 he struck 54 and hit, in all, 11 fours. Weekes, who made a half-century that was his first in this competition, and who also took two wickets, was given the gold award.

So Essex, who also lost on Sunday, and whose wicketkeeper, Garnham, announced he will retire at the end of the season, must win their three remaining matches to have a chance of qualifying.

They were given a decent enough start by Prichard, whose 65 came off 97 balls, but faltered when Irani and Hussain were out at an important stage of the innings.

One was run out through a hopeless misunderstanding and the other taken at deep mid-wicket, looking to loft Weekes over the boundary. That Essex finished with any sort of total owed much to an unbeaten 35 by Robinson, a thickset 22-year-old from Braintree, who took 21 off the last over, watched by Keith Fletcher, whom Essex are to offer a role as a kind of cricketing overlord once he has resolved his compensation from the Test and County Cricket Board.

☐ Gloucestershire's left-arm seamer, Mike Smith, took six for 36 as Hampshire were dismissed for 162 at Southampton. Heath Streak, the Zimbabwe fast bowler, raised Hampshire's hopes with two quick wickets before a partnership of 98 in 35 overs between Tony Wright and Robert Dawson settled the nerves and laid the foundations for a Gloucestershire victory by four wickets.

Glamorgan, whose worst fears were realised when all-rounder Otis Gibson was named in the West Indies tour party, proved far too strong for Combined Universities, who quite unable to cope with Darren Thomas, who took six for 20.

Minor Counties, beaten by nine wickets by Lancashire, went down by the same margin to Nottinghamshire while Malcolm Marshall followed some tight bowling by top-scoring for Scotland, hitting 36 of their 174 in reply to Derbyshire's 220 for six. Ireland provided the highest scorer of the match at Hove, Michael Rae making 73 of his side's 198 for nine in reply to Sussex's 261 for eight.

Conner battles on alone against all odds

From Barry Pickthall
in San Diego

WITH one final throw of the dice, Dennis Conner was conspiring to defeat the forces of nature and two campaign rivals last night in an attempt to win the right to compete in the America's Cup for a record sixth time.

The American yachtsman was also suffering a series of death-threats from an unidentified man whom police and security officials believe has been stalking the four-time Cup winner for several days. His office and gift shop both received telephoned threats during the showdown between his *Stars & Stripes* yacht and that of *Young America*, skippered by Kevin Mahaney, on Monday, and later a mysterious electrical fire broke out at his home. Nobody was hurt in the fire, which investigators believe was caused by an electrical fault, but the incident could affect Conner.

Had he won on Monday, he and his crew would have sailed straight into the America's Cup series against the Peter Blake-led New Zealand challenger, but he still had a second chance last night if he could defeat Bill Koch's *Mighty Mary*.

Unfortunately for him, Conner knew that he and his crew were not just up against one boat, but a concerted effort to knock him out by both Koch and *Young America*, which successfully combined their support teams on Monday to provide the race-winning weather information to Conner's opponent.

Both rivals were doing the same thing again last night, despite heated protests from Conner's camp on Monday, when they both sent helicopters to study the course and pooled weather information in the hope that, by defeating Conner's yacht, they will force a sail-off between their own yachts for the right to defend the Cup.

Unfair? Almost certainly. However, as Conner found, after scouring the rule book, there is nothing illegal in helping a rival before the start gun.

Tom Whidden, Conner's veteran tactician, said as much after their 53sec defeat on Monday, when the first wind shift, predicted correctly by the *Young America/Mighty Mary* weather team, proved the turning point in the race.

"If it was illegal, we would protest, but even if it is not, in spirit, what they are doing is wrong," Whidden said. "I have been in six America's Cups and never, never, has a defence committee allowed two competitors to gang up and try to beat the other."

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